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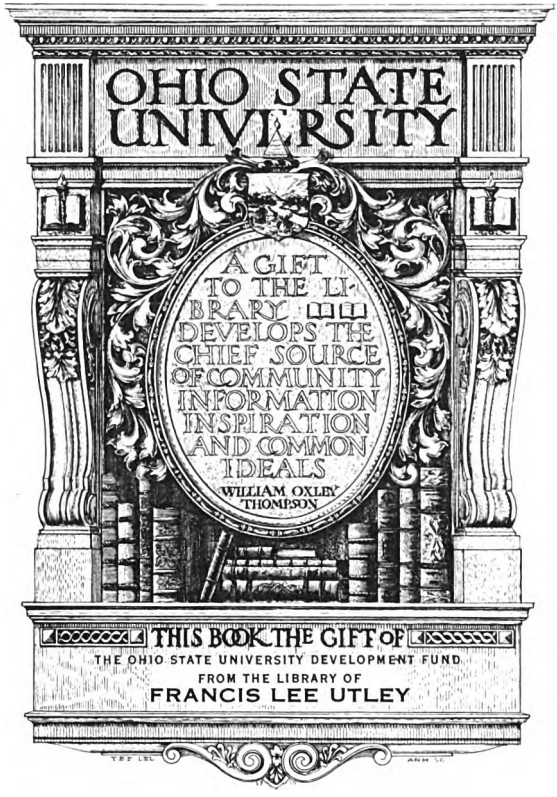
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Mr William Carmichaell
Be me Will ffoulis [1]

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Jacobus Foulis
1623 [1].

The Wryttar to the reidaris

ȝe reverend redaris thir workis revolving richt
Gif ȝe get crymis . Correct thame to ȝour micht
And curſs na clark that cu*n*nyngly thame wrait .
Bot blame me baldly Brocht this buik till licht
In tenderest tyme . quhen knawlege was nocht bricht
Bot lait begun to lerne and till translait .
My copeis awld mankit and mvtillait .
Edin.[1] Quhais trewth as standis (ȝit haif I sympill wicht)
Tryd furth, Thairfoir excuse sumpairt my estait—

Now ȝe haif heir this ilk buik sa provydit
Iurid. That in fyve pairtis It is dewly devydit
1 The first concernis god*is* gloir and ouir saluatioun
Fac. 2 The nixt ar morale / grave And als besyd it
3 grund on gud counsale . The thrid I will nocht hyd it
Ar blyith and glaid Maid for ouir consollatioun .
Lib. Bib. 4 The ferd of luve / and thair richt reformatioun .
[1] Lib. 5 The fyift ar tailis and storeis weill discydit
Reid as ȝe pleiſs / I neid no moir narratioun

[1] *In a later hand.*

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God.

God is a substance for evir durable .
Eterne / omnipotent / mercifull / and Iust .
Quha gydis all thingis in order convenable .
A God / in quhome [1] ilk man awcht for to trust .
Quha for prayar givis grace to mortifie our lust .
In quhais feir and luve all þat sall endeur .
Sall eftir this lyif off bettir lyif be seur .

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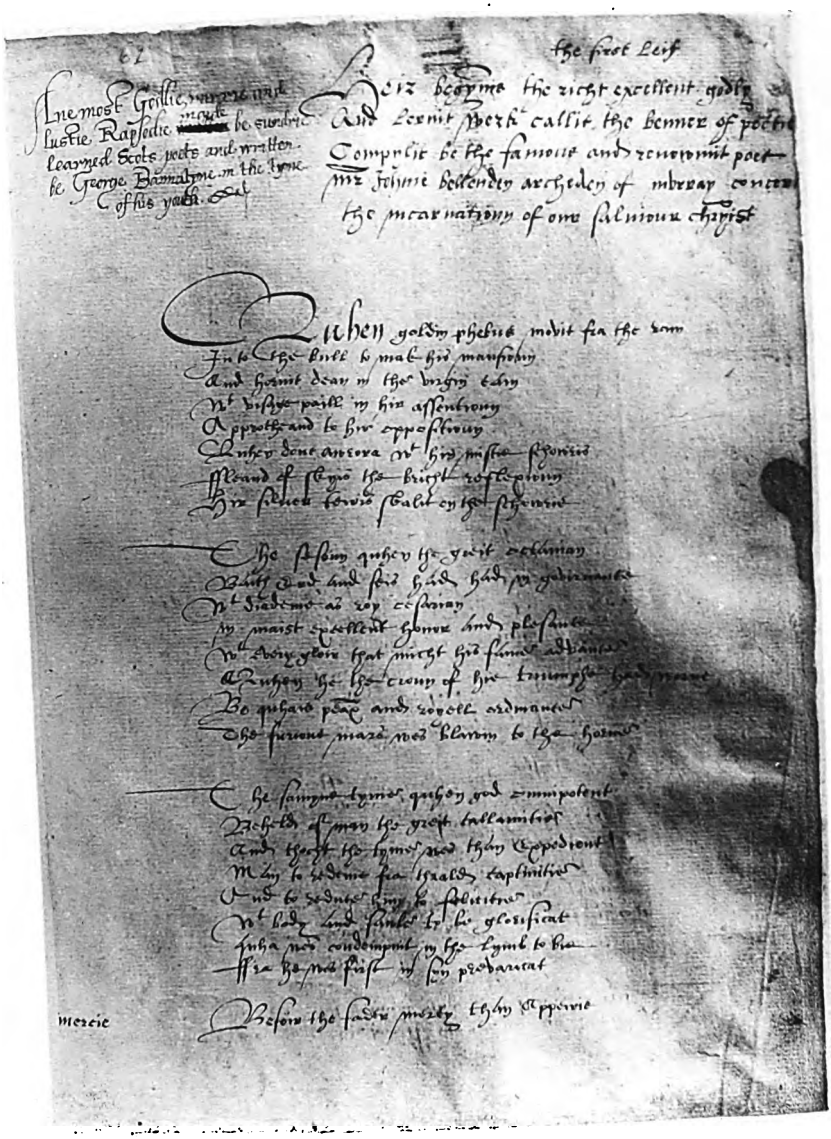

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Compylit be the famous and renowmit [poet
M̄r Johine bellenden archeden of [mvrray concern[ing][3]
the incarnatioun of our saluiour chryist

Quhen goldin phebus movit fra the ram
In to the bull to mak his mansioun
And hornit dean in the virgin cam
W^t^ visage paill in hir assentioun
Approcheand to hir oppositioun
Quhen donc awrora w^t^ hir mistie schowris
ffleand of skyis the bricht reflexioun
Hir siluer teiris skalit on the schowris[4]

The sesoun quhen the greit Octauian
Baith Erd and seis had had in govirnance
W^t^ diademe as roy cesarian
in maist excellent honor and plesance
W^t^ every gloir that micht his fame advance
Quhen he the croun of hie triumphe had worne
Be quhais p̄eax̄ and royell ordinance
The furious mars wes blawin to the horne

The samyne tyme quhen god omnipotent
Beheld of man the greit callamitie
And thocht the tyme wes than Expedient
Man to redeme fra thrald captiuitie
And to reduce him to felicitie
W^t^ body and sawle to be glorificat
quha wes condempnit in the lymb to bie
ffra he wes first in syn prevaricat

[1] writtin *deleted*, maide *interlined*.
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Sen he wes maid in feild of damascene
And crewall tormentis daly dois sustene
But ony confort Cryand for mercie
How may thy grace nocht wt thy pietie Mene
Of thy awin werk the grit infirmitie

Veretie And be the contrare than said veretie
Thy word Eterne but end is permanent
Vnalterat but mvtabilitie
Wtowttin slicht of ony argument
Quhen adame wes fund inobedient
In paradice thruche his ambitioun
Perpetualy be richtouis Iugement
Off thy blist visage Tynt fruisioun

Pece Than pece said lord haif in thy memorie
That man thy wark / was creat to that fyne
That he micht haif perfyte felicitie
With the aboif the hevynis cristellyne
Quhilk lucifer did thrwch his foly tyne
Sumtyme maid to thy Image worthiest
It wes said than be prophecie devyne
That thow sowld sleip and in my bosum rest

Iustice And Iustice said his odius offence
Contrare thy hie excellent dignitie
his oppin syn and wilfull negligence
Befoir thy sicht sowld mair aggregit bie
Sen thow art alpha O and veritie
be richtous dome adame and all his seid
ffor tressone done agane thay [2] maiestie
Condempnit is to thoill the bittir deid

[1] fyve *written over* fowre. [2] *Sic.*

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W^t argumentis and mony strong repplyis
Page 63 Befoir the blissit fader equalie fol. 2a
Sum for Iustice and sum for mercie cryis
Sentence The fader wret ane sentence in this wyiſs
ffor tressone done aganis oure maiestie
The bittir deid salbe ane sacrifyiſs
The grit offence of man to satisfie

The hevin the Eird Baith serchit vp and doun
Nane wes thair fund sufficient cheretie
Man to redeme w^t this conditioun
Than god eterne in his diuinitie
Seand it wes sa grit difficultie
To purge the spot of syn Originall
Wes penitent that he maid man to bie
in to this warld, with sawle perpetuall

Thir ladeis foure than callit hes agane
And said ȝour myndis sall fulfillit be
ȝe sall ay still in to my court remane
And in this maner haif fraternitie
My mercy salbe knit to veritie
Than peax and Iustice sall togidder brace
My sone salbeir the burding of this plie
And man salbe reconcyld to my grace

The fader than on gabriall did call
And said my serwand paſs w^t diligence
To Mary myld my spous Emperiall
In wark nor word that nevir maid offence
And say to hir w^t humill reverence
My tender sone sall in hir bosum breid
And in hir chalmer mak his residence
hir honor savit and hir madinheid

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Man micht nocht mak ane sacrifice conding
ffor adams syn and his posteritie
To god alswa It wes nocht according
Page 64 Allanerlie to thoill oure miserie fol. 2 *b*
Thairfoir it wes convenient to be
Chryist god and man / wt dowble natur cled
That he as man for oure offence micht de
And syne As god To ryiſs Agane frome dede

Off god and man the blissit mediateur
Be sentence of the blissit trinitie
Is cum in bosum of the virgin peure
Subdewand him to our mortalitie
Thot he wes equall in diuitie [1]
To god eterne fader omnipotent
ȝit man to saif fra thrald captiuitie
Vnto the deid wes maid obedient

As craft of hand vpoun the stringis playis
proportionat in hevinly melodie
Quhair thre attanis presentlie assayis
the vnisone and concord armonie
The Craft / the string / The hand indifferentlie
Ane sound is hard over the Eir Iocund
Suppois thir thre concurris equalie
ȝit Nane of thame bot stringis makis the sound

Richt so the fader and the halie spreit
Off man tewk nevir incarnatioun
And ȝit thay war in to thair mynd compleit
Participant in operatioun
Consenting to that hie legatioun
Maid to the blissit virgin tendirlie
Quhen gabriell maid Annuntiatioun
The sone incarnat wes allanerlie

[1] *Sic.*

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Than Ionit wes / in perfyt vnitie
Devyne persone / and miserie of man
The moder peur full of virginitie
Page 65 The fervent hairt and faith maist souerane fol. 3 *a*
God saule and flesche At anes to remane
Passing the strenth of Mannis argument
Ane standing thre / And thre ay standing ane
be michtie werk of god Omnipotent

thre mervelus thingis

And of thir thre The formest vnioun
Wes mervellus in maist Excellent gre
Quhen of the hevin the michtie campioun
His godheid knit to oure humanite .
Oppynit the port And coft our libertie
Quhairthrow the fruct of all oure grace began
Quhilk micht nocht haif sa grit difficultie
As to tak natur of ane mortall man .

The secund wes ane richt excellent thing
Quhen moderfull wes the virgin vndefloir
Quhair natur stwneist and had grit wondering
And all that hevinlie labur did abhoir
Than ressone said / it wes nocht sene afoir
Into this warld be ony levand leid
Ane chyld to be of ony woman boir
Hir bosum clene w^t^owttin mannis seid

The thrid Excellent wes and mervellus
Quhen fervent hairt and faith togidder ran
Ane thing to natur richt contrarius
Quhen scho this subteill argument began
How may thir tway haif creddence soveran
W^t^ sicker faith in to our hairt obscure
That god Eterne micht stand ane mortall man
Ane mother how to be / the virgin pure

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Thow godheid trine Rignand in vnitie
Mover of all wt sicht maist provident
Page 66 Gevar of lyfe wt all tranquillitie fol. 3 b
Into thy self ay standand permanent
All vþir thing bot thow art indigent
Thy mercie grit thy gudnes ineffable
Baith hevin and Erd ar insufficient
To schaw thy wit and gloir inestimable

O sone of god that for the weill of ws
Tuik in thy mynd so grit sollicitude
ffra hivin to cum in natur glorius
Off the blist virgin takand flesche and blude
Howbeit thy godheid and oure nature rude
Discordand war be distance infinite
Thow schawin hes thy michtie celcitude
Quhen thay wer knit in ane *per*sone perfite

ffor thy grit gudnes and that mekle pane
Thow had in corps and sawle Intellectyve
Quhen blude and watter birst fra every vane
And grundin speir owtthrow thy hairt did ryve
Quhen fra thy body chasit wes thy lyve
Bring ws amang tha happie senatouris
Quhome thow hes Coftin wt thy woundis fyve
Quhen saule depairtis in oure lattir houris

Heir Endis the benner of pietie compylit
Be maister Iohine bellentyne archedene
Of murray

And followis the proheme of the cosmographie
of the cuntre of costland[1] compylit be the said Mr
Iohine bellentyne

[1] *Sic.*

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The proheme of the croniculs compylit be the famous and Renownit clerk maister Iohine bellentyne
Archedene of mvrray direct to king Iames the fyift verry lernit and morale

Quhen siluer diane full of bemis bricht
fra dirk eclips wes past this vther nicht
And in the crab hir propir mansioun gane .
Artophilax contending at his micht
In the grit Eist to set his visage richt .
I mene the ledar of the charle wane
Aboif oure heid wes the vrsis twane .
Quhen sterris small obscuris in oure sicht .
And Lucifer left twinkland him allane .

The frosty nicht w^t^ hir prolixit houris
hir mantill quhyt spred on the tendir flouris .
Quhen ardent labour hes addressit me
Translait the story of oure progenitouris .
Thair greit manheid wisdome and honouris .
Quhair we may cleir (as in ane mirrour) se
The furius End sumtyme of tirannye . .
Sumtyme the gloir of prudent gouernouris
Ilk stait apprysit in thair facultie

My wery spreit desyring to repreſs
my Emptiue pen of frutles beſineſs
Awalkit furth to tak the recent are .
Quhen priapus w^t^ stormy weid oppreſs
Requeistit me in his maist tendirneſs
To rest ane quhyle / Amyd his gardingis bare .
Bot I no maner cowth my mynd prepare
To sett assyde vnplesant havineſs .
On this and that contempling solitare .

vid the Second prollog or proheme p. 782[1]

[1] *Pencilled note.*

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And first occurrit to my re*m*membring
How that I wes in service w^{t} the king
Put to his grace in ȝeiris tendirest .
Page 68 Clerk of his comptis Thocht I wes inding fol. 4 *b*
W^{t} hairt and hand and every vthir thing
That micht him pleiſs in ony maner best .
Quhill hie invy me frome his service kest .
Be thame that had the court in gouerning
As bird but plumes heryit of hir nest .

Oure lyfe / oure gyding / And our aventuris
Dependis frome thir hevinlie creaturis
Apperandly be sum necessitie .
ffor thocht ane man wald sett his besy curis
So far as labor and his wisdome furis
To fle hard chance of Infortunitie
Thocht he Eschew it with difficultie,
The cursid weird ȝit Ithandly Enduris
Gevin to him first in his natiuitie

Off erdlie stait bewaling thus the chance
Of fortoun gud I had no Esperance .
So lang I swomit in hir seis deip
That sad avysing w^{t} hir thochtfull lance
Cowth fynd na port to anker hir firmance .
Quhill morpheus the drery god of sleip
ffor very rewth did on my curis weip .
And set his slewth and deidly countenance
W^{t} snorand vanis to [1] throw my body creip .

Me thocht I wes in to ane plesand meid
Quhair flora maid the tendir blewmis spreid
Throw kyndlie dew and humouris nutratiue .
Quhen goldin titan w^{t} his flammis reid
Aboif the seis rasit vp hir heid

[1] *Interlined.*

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Diffounding doun his heit restoretive .
To every frute that natur maid on lyve .
Quhilk wes afoir in to the winter deid
for stormis cawld and froistis penetryve .

Ane siluer fontane sprang wt wattir cleir
in to that place quhair I approchit neir
Quhair I did sone Espy ane felloun reird .
Page 69 Off courtly gallandis in thair best maneir fol. 5 a
Reiosing theme in seasone of the ȝeir
As it had bene of mayis day the feird
Thair gudly havingis maid me nocht Effeird
With thame I saw ane crownit king appeir
With tender downis rysand on his beird

Thir courtly gallandis settand thair intentis
To sing / and play / on diuerſs instrumentis
according to this princis appetit .
Two plesand ladeis Come pransand owir the bentis
Thair Coistly clething schew thair michtie rentis
Quhat hairt micht wiſs Thay wantit not a myt .
verteu and delyt : The rubeis schone vpoun thair fingaris quhyt .
And finaly I knew be thair consentis
This ane vertew / That vþer hecht delyt .

Thir goddessis arrayit in this wyse
As reverence / and honor list devyse
afoir this prince fell doun vpoun thair kneis
Syne dressit thame in to thair best awyse
(So far as wisdome in thair power lyiſs)
To do the thing That micht him best appleiſs
Quhair he reiosit in his hevinly gleiſs
And him desyrit for his hie Empryiſs
Ane of thame two vnto his lady cheiſs

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delyt begynnis

And first delyt vnto this prince said thus
Maist valȝeant knycht in deidis Amorus
And lustiest that evir natur wrocht .
Quhilk in the floure of ȝewth mellyfluus
Wt notis sweit And sang mellodius
Awalkis heir Amangis the flowris soft .
Thow hes no game bot in thy mirry Thocht .
My hevinly bliß Is so delitius
All welth in Erd but it avalis nocht .

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Thot thow had france and italie also
spane / ingland / pole / wt vþir realmis mo
Thocht thow micht rigne in stait most glorius
Thy pissant kingdome is nocht worth ane stro fol. 5 b
gif it vnto thy plesour be ane fo .
Or trubill thy mynd wt Curis dolorus
Thair is no thing may be so odius
to man . as leif in miserie and wo
defrawdand god of natur genius

Dreß the thairfoir wt all thy besy cure
that thow in Ioy and plesour may Endeur
Be sicht of thir foure bodyis Elementar

foure elementis

Two hevy and groß and two ar licht and peure
Thir Elementis be wirking of nateure
Doith change in vþir / And thot thay be richt far
fra vþir severit / wt qualeteis contrar
of thame ar maid all levand creature
And finaly in thame resoluit ar .

The fyre in air / The air in watter cleir
In Erd the watter turnis wtowt weir
The Erd in watter turnis oure Agane .
So furth in ordour / nathing consowmis heir
Ane man new borne begynnis to appeir

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in vþir figeur than afoir wes tane .
Quhen he is deid The mater dois remane
Thot it resolve in to sum new maneir
No thing is new Nocht bot the forme is gane

Thus is no thing in Erd bot fugitive
Passand and cumand be spreiding successive
And As ane beist / so is ane man consave
Off seid infuse in members genitive
And furth his tyme in plesour dois ourdrive
(As chance him leidis) quhill he be laid in graue
Thairfoir thy hevin and plesour now ressave
Quhill thow art heir in to this present live
ffor eftir deth thow sall no plesour have

The rose / The lilleis and the violet
Vnpullit / sone ar wt the windis ouirset
And fallis doun but ony fruct I wiſs
Thairfoir I say sen that no thing may let
Bot thy bricht hew mon be wt ȝeiris fret
(ffor every thing Bot for ane sessone is)
Page 71 Thow may nocht haif ane moir excellent bliſs fol. 6 *a*
Than ly all nicht in to myne Armes plet
To hals and braiſs wt mony lusty kiſs

And haif my tendir body be thy syd
So proper / set / quhilk natur hes provyd
Wt every plesour that thow may devyne
Ay qll my tender ȝeiris be ouirslyd
Than gif it pleiſs that I thy brydill gyd
Thow mon alway fro aigit men declyne
Syne dreſs thy hairt Thy curage and Ingyne
To suffer nane into thy houſs abyd
But gif thaey [1] will vnto thy lust [2] inclyne

[1] *Originally* thai ; i *changed to* e *and* y *added.* [2] *Interlined.*

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Gif thow desyris in to [1] the seyis till [1] fleit
of hevinly bliß / Than me thy lady treit
ffor it is said be clerkis of renoun
B [2] Thair is na plesor in this Erd so greit
As quhen ane lovar dois his lady meit
To quickin his lyfe of mony deidly soun [3]
As hiest plesour but comparisoun
I sall the geif in to thy ȝeiris sweit
Ane lusty halk wt mony plwmiß broun

Quhilk salbe found sa Ioyus and plesant
gif thow in to hir mirry flichtis hant
of every bliß that may in Erd appeir
As hairt will think / thow sall no plenty want
Quhill ȝeiris swift wt quheilis properant
Consowme thy strenth / and all thy bewty cleir
And quhen delyt had said on this maneir
verteu begynnis As rege of ȝowtheid Thocht maist relevant
Than vertew said As ȝe sall Eftir heir

My landis braid wt mony plentouus schyre
sall gif thy hienes (gif thou list desyre)
Trivmphant gloir / hie honour / fame devyne /
Wt sic pissans / that thame na furius yre
Nor weirand aige / Nor flame of birnand fyre
Nor bitter deth May bring vnto rewyne
Page 72 Bot thow most first Ensuffer mekle pyne fol. 6 b
aboif thy self that thow may haif Empyre
Than sall thy fame and honour haif na fyne

My realmes is set among my fois all
Quhilkis hes wt me ane weir continwall
And evir still dois on my bordour ly
and thot / Thay may no wayis me ovirthrall
Thay ly in wait / gif ony chance may fall

[1] *Interlined.* [2] B *and the line are in pencil.* [3] soun^{n}.

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Of me sumtyme to get the victory
Thus is my lyf ane ythand chevalry
Labor me haldis strong as ony wall
And no thing brekis me bot sluggardy

Na fortoun may aganis me not [1] availl
Thot scho wt cluddy stormis [2] me assaill
I brek the streme of scherp adwersitie .
In wedder loun / and maist tempestouus haill
But ony dreid I beir ane equall saill
My schip so strang that I may nevir die
Wit / reasone / manheid / governis me so hie
No Influence / No sterris may prevaill
To rigne on me wt infortunitie

The rege of ȝewth may nocht danttit be
Comparisoun but grit distreſs and scherp aduersitie
As be this reasone Is experience .
The fynest gold or silver that we se
May nocht be wrocht to oure vtilite
But flammis kene and bittir violence
The moir distreſs / The moir Intelligence
Quhay salis lang in hie prosperitie
Ar sone ouerset be stormy violence

This fragill lyf (as monent [3] induring)
but dowt sall the and every pepill bring
To sicker bliſs / or than eternall wo
gif thow be honest labour / dois ane thing /
Thy panefull labour / sall vaneiſs but tareing
Howbeit thy honest werkis do nocht so /
gif thow be lust dois ony thing also .
Page 73 The schamefull deid wtowt disseuering fol. 7 a
remanis ay . quhen plesour is ago. 216

[1] *Interlined.* [2] *Written twice, but first deleted.* [3] *Sic.*

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Ane vþir comparison :

As carvell ticht fast tending throw the see
Levis no prent amangis the wallis hee .
As birdis swift wt mony bissie plwme
Perſſß the Air / And wait nocht quhair thay flee .
Siclyk our lyfe / wtowt actiuitie
Giffis na fruct / howbeit Ane schaddow blwme .
Quhay dois thair lyf in to this Erd coinswme [1]
Wtowt vertew / Thair fame and memorie
Sall vaneiſß sonar / than the reky fwme

thrid comparison :

As watter purgis and makis bodeis fair .
As fyre be natur ascendis in the Air .
And purefeis with heitis vehement
As floure dois smell / As fruct is nvresare
As pretious balmes revertis thingis sair
And makis thame of rot Impatient .
As spyce maist sweit . and roſß maist redolent
As sterne of day be moving circulare
chaisis the nicht wt bemis resplendent

Siclyk my werk perfytis every wicht
in fervent lufe of maist Excellent licht
And makis man in to this Erd but peir .
And dois the sawle fra all corruptioun dicht
Wt odour dulce and makis it moir bricht
Than diane full / Or ȝit appollo cleir .
Syne raisis it vnto þe hiest speir
Immortaly to schyne in goddis sicht
As chosin spous and creatour most deir .

This vþir wenche that clippit Is delit
Involwis man be sensuall appetit
In every kynd of vice and miserie :
Becauſß na wit nor ressone Is *perfyte*
Quhair scho is gyd / Bot skathis Infinit

[1] *Or* comswme.

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Wt dolour / schame and vrgent povertie
ffor scho wes get off frothis of the sie
Page 74 Quhilk signefeis hir pleseir vennemit fol. 7 b
Is midlit ay wt scherp adwersitie

Duke hanniball (as mony awthouris wrait)
Throw spanȝie come be mony passage strait
To Italy in furour bellicall .
Brak doun the wallis / and the montanis slait
And to his Army maid ane oppin gait
And victoreis had / On the romanis all .
AT capua be pleseir sensuall
This duck wes maid so soft & dilligait
That wt his fois he wes sone overthrall

Off fers achill The weirly deidis sprang
In troy and grece Quhill he in vertew rang
How lust him slew It is bot rewth to heir
Siclyk the troianis wt þair knychtis strang
The velȝeant greikis fra thair rowmis dang
Victoriously exercit mony ȝeir
That nicht thay went to thair lust and pleseir
The fatall horſs did throw thair wallis fang
Quhais prignant sydis wer full of men of weir

Sardanapall the prince effeminat
ffra knichtlie deidis wes degenerat
Twynand the threidis of the purpour lynt
With fingeris soft Amangis the ladeis sat
And wt his lust cowth nocht be satiat
Quhill of his fois come the bittir dynt
Quhat nobill men and ladeis hes bene tynt
Quhen thay wt lustis wer Intoxicat
To schaw at lenth My toung sowld nevir stynt

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Thairfoir camill the valȝeant chevaleir
(quhen he the gallis / had dantit be his weir)
Off heretable landis wald haif na recompence .
ffor gif his bairnis and his freindis deir
Wer vertewis / thay cowld no^{t} faill ilk ȝeir
To haif ynewch be romane providence .
Gif thay wer gevin to vyce and Insolence
It wes nocht neidfull for to conqueiſs geir
To be occasioun of thair Incontinence

Page 75 revard of verteu

Sum nobill men as (poetis) list declair) fol. 8 *a*
Wer deifeit / Sum goddis of the Aire
Sum of the hevin . As Eolus / vulcan /
Saturne / mercurie / apollo / Iupitair
Mars / hercules / and vþir men preclair .
that glory Immortall in thair lyvis wan .
Quhy war thir pepill callit goddis than
Becaus thay had ane vertew singulair
Excellent hie aboif Ingyne of man

Revard of vyce

And vþiris ar in reik sulphurius
As Ixion / and wery Sisiphus
Eumenides / the feureis richt odibill
The prowd gyandis / and thristy tantalus
W^{t} hugly drink and fude most vennemus
Quhair fla*m*mis bald and mirknes ar sensibill
Quhy ar thir folk in panis so terribill
Becauſs thay wer bot schrewis vicius
In to thair lyf / w^{t} deidis most horribill

And tho^{t} na fruct wer eftir consequent
of mortall lyf / Bot for this warld present
Ilk man to haif allan*er*ly respect .
ȝit vertew sowld fra vice be different
As quick fra deid / As riche fra Indigent

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that ane . to gloir and honor hie ay [1] direct
This vþir . saule and body to neclect
That ane / of ressone moist intelligent
This vþir / off beistis following the effect

ffor he that nold aganis his lustis strive
bot leivis as beist of knawlege sensitive
Eildis richt fast and deth him sone ouirhaillis
Thairfoir the mvle Is of ane langer lyve
Than stonit horſs / Also the barrane wyve
Appeiris ȝung Quhen that the brudy falis
We see also / quhen natur nocht prevailis
the pane and dolor ar sa pungitive
No medecyne the patient availis

Page 76 Conclusioun

Sen thow hes hard baith our intentis thuſs fol. 8 *b*
Cheiſs of ws two the maist delitius
ffirst to sustene ane scherp adwersitie
Danting the rege of ȝowtheid furius
And syne posseid tryvmphe Innvmerus
Wt lang Impyre and he felicitie
Or haif ane moment sensualitie
Of fuliche ȝowth in lyf voluptouus
And all thy dayis full of miserie

Be than phebus his fyrie cairt did wry
ffra sowth to west declynand besely
To dip his steidis in to [1] the occiane
Quhen he began ovirsyle his visage dry
Wt vapouris thik and cluddis full of sky
And notus brym the wind Meridiane
Wt wingis donk And pennis full of rane
Awalknit me / That I micht not Espy
Quhilk of thame two wes to his lady tane

[1] *Interlined.*

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But sone I knew thay wer the goddesses
That come in sleip to vailȝeant hercules
Quhen he wes ȝung and fre of every lore .
To lust or honor / povertie or richeſs
Quhair he contempnit lust and ydilnes
That he in vertew micht his lyf decore .
And werkis did of maist Excellent glore
The moir incressit his panefull bissines
His hee tryvmphe and loving wes the more

Than thrwch this morall eruditioun
quhilk come (as said is) in my visioun
I tuke purpoiſs or I forder went
To wryt the story of this regioun
Wt deidis of mony Illuster campioun
And thocht the pane appeiris vehement
To mak the story to the redaris moir patent
I will begin at the discriptioun
Off albion in maner subsequent

ffinis Compyld be maister Iohine bellenden

Page 77 fol. 9 a

The prollog of the tent buik of Virgill compyld be the noble poet Mr gawyn dowglaſs bischop of dumkeld : of godis workis to be inconprehensible be man wit or[1] ressone / As for Exa*m*ple of the trinitie

He plasmatour of thingis vniuersall
Thow renewar of kynd / that creat all
Inconprehensible thy werkis ar to consaif
Quhilk grantit hes to every wicht to haif
Quhat thing maist ganis vnto his governall

[1] *Altered from* of.

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How mervellus bene diuisionis of thy gracis
Distribut so to ilk thing / in all placis
The son to schyne over all / and schaw his licht
The day to labour / ffor rest thow ordanit nicht
ffor diuerſs cauſſs / schupe seir sessonis and spacis

ffresche ver to burgeoun herbis and sueit flowris
The hait sommer / to nvreiſs / corne all houris
And breid alkynd of fowlis / fische / and beist
Hervist / to randir his fructis maist and leist
Winter / To snyb the erth with frostie schowris

Nocht[1] that thow neidit ocht[2] / All thing thow wrocht
Bot to that fyne thow maid all thingis of nocht
Of thy gudneſs to be *par*ticipant /
Thy godheid na richer nor ȝit mair skant
Nowthir now nor than / set ws wrocht of nocht

Thy maist supreme indiuisible substance
In ane natur / Thre personis but discrepance
Rignand eterne ressavis nane[3] accidence
ffor quhy thow art richt at this tyme present
It that thow wes / and evir sall / but variance

Sen our natur god hes to him vnyt
His godheid vncorrupt remanis *per*fyt
Page 78 The sone of god havand verry Naturis twane fol. 9 *b*
in ane persone / and thre personis all ane
In deitie / natur / maiestie / and delyt

The sone the self thing w^t^ the fader Is
The self substance The holie gaist I wiſs
Is w^t^ thame baith thre disunit personage
As wes and salbe evir of ane age
Omnipotent Ane lord Equall in bliſs

[1] N *written over* Th, *confirmed by* nocht *on margin.*
[2] *Originally* nocht, *but* n *deleted.* [3] *On margin.*

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Quhilk soverane substance in gre su*per*lative
Na cu*n*ning comprehend ma nor discrive
Nowthir generis / Generat Is / Nor dois proceid
All ane begy*n*ner of every thing but dreid
And in the self remanis eterne on lyve

The fader of none generat creat nor bore
His onlie sone Inge*n*neris evirmoir
not makis creatis Bot Ingeneris alway
Of his substance / and all tyme of baith tuay
Proceidis the haly gaist equall in glore

Off baith frome ane begy*n*ni*n*g proceidis he
Sa bene the werkis of the trinitie
Maist Excellent and wonderfull to consaif
ȝit thame to trest the mair mereit we haif
that be na ma*n*is ressone previt may bie

The fader knawis him self quhilk knalege / spreidis
Be generatioun eterne that evir breidis
His sone his word and wisdome eternale
Betuix thir twa Is luve *per*petuale
Quhilk is the haly gaist fra baith proceidis

Nocht that the faderis natur myneist is
of his substance he generis his sone in bliſs
Nor so the sone / of kynd is eiboir
Page 79 That he ane *pair*t hes and no moir fol. 10 *a*
Bot all he gevis his sone and all is hiſs

The ilk thing he him gevis / that he remanis
This single substance / indifferentle thus ganis
to thre in ane / And ilkane of tha thre
The samyne thing is in ane maiestie
Tho^{t} thir thre *per*sonis be seuerall in thre granis

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Similitude :

Lyk as the sawll of man is ane / we waite
Havand thre poweris distinct and seperait
Vndirstanding / ressone / and memoir .
Intelligence / considderis the thing befoir /
Ressoun / decernis / Memor keipis the consait

As thay bene in ane substance knit all thre
Thre personis regnis in ane deitie
We may tak als Ane vþir similitude
groisly / the samyn purpois to conclude
fflamb / heit / and licht / Bene in ane fyre we se

Quhair evir the low is / hete and licht bene thare
And had the fyre bene birnand evirmair /
Evir sowld the flamb inge*n*nerit haif his licht
And of the birnand low / the flambis bricht
*per*petwaly sowld heir[1] hait haif sprung / alquhare

So generis the fader the sone w^t^ him eterne
ffrome baith proceidis the haly gaist coeterne
Thus rud exampillis and figuris may we geif /
Thocht be his awin createur to preif /
War Mair vnlikneſs than liknes to descerne

ffreind ferly not Na cauſs is to complene
Albeit thy wit / Grit god may nocht attene
ffor micht thow comprehend be thyne Engyne
Page 80 The maist Excellent maiestie devyne fol. 10 *b*
He micht be reput Ane pretty god and mene

Considder thy ressone is so feble and lite /
And his knawlege profound and infinite
Considder how he is vnmensurable
Him as he is / To knaw thow art no^t^ able
It sufeiſs the belief the creid *per*fyte

[1] sprung *deleted, and* heir *interlined.*

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God is I grant [1] in all thing / not excludit
Gevis all gudnes / And is of nocht denudit
Of him hes all thing *pairt* / and he not mynneist
Haill he is alquhair / Not devydit nor fy*n*neist
W*t*owt all thing he is / And not excludit

O Lord thy wayis bene Investigable
Sweit Lord thy self Is sa Inestimable
I can wryt nocht bot wounderis of thy micht
That lawleit sa far Thy maiestie & hicht
To be borne man in till ane oxis stabill

Thow tuke mankynd of ane vnwe*m*mit maid
Inclosit w*t*in ane virgynis bosum glaid
Quhome all the hevy*n*nis micht nevir comprehend
Angellis scheipherdis and kingis [2] thy godheid kend
Tho*t* thow in crib betuix twa beistis wes laid

Quhat infinit excellent hie bonte
Aboif thy werkis all in wonderfull gre [3]
Lord quhen thow man maid To thyne awin Image
That tynt him self throw his fulische dottage
Thow man become And deit to mak him fre

Maid thow nocht man first presedent vndir the
To dant the beistis / fowlis / and fische in se
Page 81 Subdewit till him the erth and all thairin fol. 11 *a*
Syne paradice grantit him and all his kin
Gaif him fre will and power nevir to de

Enarmid him w*t* ressone and prudence
Only bad him keip thyne obedience
And to him sowld all creaturis obey
Bittir was that fruct for his ofspring / and fey
Maid*r* deth vnknawin be fund / and lyf ga hence

[1] I grant *on margin.* [2] and kingis *on margin.* [3] *Originally* degre.

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O thyne Inestimable lufe & cheretie
become ane thrall to mak ws bundin / fre
To quickin thy sklavis thold schamefull deid maist fell
Blist be thow virginall fruct that herreit hell
And payit the price of the forbiddin tre

Thocht thow lerge stremis sched vpoun the rude
Ane drop had been sufficient of thy blude
Ane thowsand warldis to haif redemit I grant
Bot thow the well of mercy wald not skant
Ws to provok / to lufe the And be gude

Commounioun :

Over all thys syne thy Infinit godheid
Thy flesche and blude lufly wt wyne & breid
To be our fude of grace in plege of glorie
Thow last ws gaif . In perpetuall memorie
Of thy passioun and dolorus panefull deid

Quhat thankis dew or gainȝeild lord benyng
May I maist sinfull wrechit cative Indyng
Rander for this soverane hie bontie
Sen body / sawle / and all I haif of the
Thow art my price Mak me thy pray conding

My makar My redemar and support
ffra quhome all grace and gudnes cumis at schort
Page 82 Grant me thy grace My misdeiddis till amend fol. 11 b
Of this and all my warkis to mak gud End
This I beseik the lord I the exhort

ffrome the begynning and end be thow my Muse
All vþir Ioue / and phebus I refuse
Lat virgill hald his maumentis till him self
I wirschep nowdir ydoll / stok / nor elf
Thocht furth I wryt / so as myne auctor duse

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Is nane bot thow the fader of goddis and men
Omnipotent eternall Ioue I ken
Only thy help fader thair is Nane vthir
I compt nocht of thir pagane godis ane futhir
Quhas power May Nocht help ane haltane hen

The scriptur clips the god of goddis lord
ffor quhay thy mandimentis keipis in accord
Bene ane wt the / Not in substance / bot grace
And we our father callis the / in every place
Mak ws thy sonis in cheretie but discord

Thow haldis court over cristall hevynis cleir
With Angellis sanctis and hevinly spreitis seir
Thay but seissing thy gloir & loving singis
Manifest to the and patent / bene all thingis
Thy spous & quene maid and thy moder deir

Concord forevir mirth / rest / and endles bliß
(Na feir of hell nor dreid of deth thair Is)
In thy hie realme nor na kynd of Ennoye
Bot all weilfair / Eiß / and evirlestand Ioye
Quhais he plesance / Lord lat ws nevir miß
ffinis q M̄r gawyne dowglas

Page 83 fol. 12 *a*

Ane ballat of the creatioun of the warld / man / his fall /
And redemptioun maid to the tone of the bankis of helecon

God be his word / his work began
To forme the erth and hevin for man
The sie and watter deip
The sone / the mone / The starris bricht
The day divydit frome the nicht
Thair coursis for to keip

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The beistis that on the grund do mvfe
And fische in to the se
ffowlis in the air to fle abvfe
Off ilk kynd creat hee
Sum creiping // sum fleiting //
Sum fleing in the air
So heichtly // so lichtly /
In moving heir and thair

Thir workis of grit magnificence
Perfytit be his providence
According to his will
Nixt maid he man to gif him gloir
Did with his ymage him decoir
Gaif *parr*adice him till
Into þat garding hevinly wrocht
With plesowris mony one
The beistis of every kynd war brocht
Thair Names he sowld expone
Thame Ne*mm*yng // And kennyng //
As he list for to call /
ffor pleising // And eising //
Off man / Subdewit thame all /

In hevinly ioy man so possest
To be allone god thocht not best
Maid eve To be his Maik
Bad thame increſs and mvltiplie
And Eit of every fruct and trie
Thair plesour thay sowld taik
Except the trie of gud & Ill
That in the middis dois stand
fforbad that thay sowld cum it till
Or twiche it w^t^ thair hand

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Leist plucking // or lucking //
Baith thay and als thair seid
Page 84 Seveirly // Awsteirly // fol. 12 *b*
Sowld dye withowt remeid

Now adame and his lusty wyfe
In *parr*adyce leidand thair lyfe
With plesowris infineit
Wanting Na thing sowld do thame Eiſs
Ilk beist obeying thame to pleiſs
As thay cowld wiſs in spreit
Behald the serpent subtilly
Invyand ma*n*is estait
With wickit craft and subtilty
Eve temptit with dissait
Nocht feiring // Bott speiring //
Quhy scho tuke not hir till
In vsing // And chusing //
The fruct of gud and Ill

Commandit ws scho said the lord
Nowayis þairto we sowld accord
Vnder Eternall pane
Bot grantit ws full libertie
To Eit of every fruct and trie
Except that tre in plane
No, No, not so the serpent said
Thow art dissauit thairin
Eit ȝe þairof ȝe sall be Maid
In knawlege lyk to him
In semying // and demyng //
Off every thing arricht
Als dewly // Als trewly //
As ȝe war goddis of micht

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Eve with thir fals wordis thus allurit
Eit of the fruct and syne procurit
Adame the same to play .
Behald said scho how pretious
So dilicat and delitious
Besyd knawlege for ay
Adame puft vp in warldly gloir
Ambitioun and of pryd
Eit of the fruct allace thairfoir
And swa thay baith did slyd
Neglecting // fforȝetting //
The eternall goddis command
Quha scurgit // And purgit //
Thame quyt owt of that land

Page 85 Quhen thay had Eitin of that frute fol. 13 *a*
Off Ioy than war thay destitute
And saw thair bodyis bair
Annone thay past with all thair speid
Off leivis to mak thame selvis a weid
To cleith thame was thair cair
During the tyme of Innocence
No syn Nor schame thay knew
ffra tyme thay gat experience
Vnto ane buſs thay drew
Abyding // and hyding //
As god sowld nocht thame see
Quha spyit // and cryit //
Adame quhy hyddis thow thee

I being naikit lord throw feir
ffor schame I durst nocht to compeir
And so I did refuse
Had thow nocht Eitin of that tre
That knawlege had nocht bene in the
Nor ȝit No sic excuse

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This helper Lord thow gaif to me
Hes cawsit me transgreſs
Sayd scho The serpent subtilly
*per*swadit me no less
Intreitting // be Eitting //
that we sowld be *per*fyte
Me sylit // Begylit //
In him lyis all the wyte

The lord that evir Iugeit richt
Bringand his Iustice to the licht
The serpent first did Iuge
Becauſs the woma*n* thow begylit
ffor evir thow sall be exylit
Said he w*t*owt reffuge
Betuix hir seid and thy ofspring
Na p̄eax̄ Nor rest salbe
And hir seid sall thy heid doun thring
ffor all thy subtilty
Abhorrit // deformit //
Thow on thy breist sall gang
In feiding // And leiding //
Thy lyfe the beistis amang

The woman nixt for hir offence
Page 86 Did of the lord ressaif sentence fol. 13 *b*
Hir sowrrow sowld increſs
With wo and pane hir childrene beir
Subdewit to man vndir his feir
No liberty posseſs
ffor adamis falt he curst the erth
That barane it sowld be
Withowt labour sowld ȝeild na birth
Off coirnis Erb nor tre

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Bot wirking // And irking
ffor evir sowld remane
And being // in deing //
In Erth returne Agane

O crewall serpent vennemus
Dispytfull and seditious
The grund of all our cair
Thow fals bound slave vnto the divill
Thow first Inventar of the evill
Off bliß quhilk maid ws bair
O diuillis slaive did thow beleif
Or how had thow sic grace
Thairby for evir Thow micht leif
Aboif in to that place
Thy grudgeing // gat scrudgeing
And swa god lute the sie
A dissavar // no cravar //
Off his reward sowld be

O dilicat dame / with Eiris bent
That harknit to that fals serpent
Thy banis we May sair ban
Without excuse thow art to blame
Thow Iustly hes obtenit that name
The verry wo of man
With teiris we may bewaill & greit
That wickit tyme and tyd
Quhen adame was caussit to sleip
And thow tane of his syd
No sleiping // Bot weiping
Thy seid hes fund sensyne
Thy Eitting // and sweitting //
Is turnd to wo and pyne

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Adame thy pairt quha can excuse
With knawlege thow þat did abuse
Thy awin felicitie
Page 87 The serpentis fals Inventing fol. 14 *a*
The womanis sone consenting
Was nocht sa wickitlie
god did prefer the to þis day
And thame subdewid to the
So all that thay cowld mene or say
Sowld not haif movit the
To brecking // abiecking
That heich *com*mand of lyfe
Quhilk gydit // Provydit //
The ay to leif but stryfe

Behald the stait þat man was In
And als how it he tynt throw syn
And loist the same for ay
ȝit god his promeiſs dois *per*forme
Send his sone of the virgyn borne
Oure ransone for to pay
To that gret god lat ws gif gloir
To ws hes bene so gude
Quha be his deith did ws restoir
Quhairof we war denude
Nocht karing / Nor sparing //
His body to be rent
Redemyng // releiving //
Ws quhen we war all schent

ffinis q Ser richart maitland of
Lethingtoun knycht

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The lxxxiii phaslme [1] of dauid

God for thy grace / thow keip no moir silence
Ceiſs not o god Nor hald thy peax no moir
ffor lo thy fois [2] with crewall [3] violence
Considerat ar / and with ane hiddeous roir
In this thair rage Thaye riballis brag and schoir
And thay that hait the moist maliciously
Aganis thy micht / thair heidis hes raisd on hie

ffor to oppreſs thy pepill thay pretend
With subteill flicht and move conspiracie .
ffor sic as on thy secreit help depend
Go to say thay And latt ws vtterlie
This natioun rute owt frome memorie
Page 88 And of the name of Israleitis lat nevir fol. 14 b
forther be maid mentioun for evir

Conspyrit ar with crewall hairtis and fell
thus aganis the togidder in ane band
The Edomeitis þat in thair tentis to dwell
And Ismaleitis Ionit with thame to stand
The Moabeitis / vpoun the vder hand
With the prowid race of Agareines togidder
Assemblit ar and wicketly considder

Geball / ammon / And amalek all thre
marche furth ilk ane with his [4] garisoun
The philistenis formest thay think to be
The Indwellaris of tyre with thame ar boun
aschur / also Is thair companȝeoun
With the childrene of lott to arrayed
In thair suppoirt his benner is displayed

[1] *Sic.* [2] considerat ar *deleted.* [3] *On margin.* [4] *Interlined.*

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Do thow to thame As thow did to the hoist
Off madian / Jasin and Sisera
At kyson flude In endor lyvis thay loist
To dung the land quhair as thair bodyis lay
Lyk oreb / ȝeb / ȝeba / and salmu*n*na
So mak thow thame Evin thair moist michty princis
And all the cheif rewlaris of thair provincis

Quhilk said lat ws Inhereit as our awin
Godis mansionis // [1] my god mak thame to be
Lyk rolling quheilis Or as the stibill blawin
befoir the wind / As fyre the wid we se
Dois burne / and flame devoir on montanis he
the hether crop // So lat thy tempest chace thame
And thy quhirlewind with terror so deface thame

Thair faces lord with schamefulnes fulfill
That thay may seik thy Name in mynd to prent
Confoundid let thame be / and evir still
Vexid with wo / ȝe Mak thame schemd and schent
And lat thame knaw that thow art permanent
That Iehova thy Name allone parteineth
to the / Over all the erth Quhois glory regneth

ffinis ffollowis a Song of him lyi*n*g in poynt o[f] deth [2]

O lord my god sen I am brocht // To grit distreſs
And thrwche my body thair is nocht // Bot havineſs
Mak haist in tyme to succour me // O richteouſs Iuge
Sen I haif nane in erth bot the // ffor my refuge
My only howp and confidence // In the is sett
Assuring me that my offence // Salbe forȝett
And all my tormentis sall tak End // With suddane speid
Page 89 Quhen thow sic confort sall me send // As I haif neid fol. 15*a*

[1] and *deleted.*

[2] *Cut by inlay.*

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Lord strenth me with thy patience // To suffer ay
Quhat pleissis best thyne excellence // On me to lay
And lat me nocht declyne at all // In tyme of greif
Bot evirmair on the to call // ffor my releif
Help me to beir my burding lord // ffor I am waik
And latt my strenth and chairge accord // ffor thy names saik
Assist me with thyne haly spreit // That I may still
With steidfast hairt and howp repleit // Abyid thy will
At leist sum pairt I the beseik // To swaige my pane
As thow art luving kynd and meik // Thy wreth refrane
Into thy Iustice and Iugement // Deill nocht with me
Bot sen I am so penitent // Grant me mercie
Quhen þat my senssis ar all gone // And wordis dois faill
My hairt and mynd on the allone // Salbe all haill
Thy sweit promeiß and tendir luve // Na tyme nor tyde
Owt of my mynd sall nocht remve [1] // Nor ȝit lat slyd
And gif thow will that suddanly // I sall depairt
I recommend my sawle to the // With cheirfull hairt
Quhair it sall haif ane dwelling place // with angellis hie
To rigne in hevinly luve and peace // Eternallye
Or ellis gif that thy plesour be // My lyfe to spair
Releif me of my meserie // And present cair
Remeid me That am lyik to mang // And soir opprest
And I sall sing thy praeyse als lang // As I may lest

ffinis The sawle of man

[1] *Sic.*

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Off all the gude createuris of goddis creating
Maist peur and pretious Is the sawle of man
A *per*fect substance / At na tyme abating
Quhilk with the body The passionis suffer can
In vertew Ioyus / In vyce Baith wyiſs and wan
Quhilk eftir daith Sall ressaif the rewarde
of werkis in lyftyme It did maist regarde

The lyfe in man

Lyfe that cuppillis the sawle and body in ane
Is fraill and vane / mair slippry than the slyme
A heipfull of Cairis bot quyet hes it nane
Ordanit of god A prissone for a tyme
Page 90 To plege and purge the body and sawle frome cryme fol. 15 b
quhilk quha sa spendis verteously and wele
Sall eftir it ay in glory and Ioyis dwele

Conscience

In quhat ordor sa evir a manis lyfe is heir led
The conscience excusis or accusis plane /
Vpirwayis to *per*swaid standis in na sted .
It prevailis in witneſs To Ioy or to pane .
ffeir god Trust in him And wickitneſs refraine .
Keip saif the conscience frome feir and trymbling
That trew faith and p̄eax may be at thy Ending .

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Prayar and repentance

Prayar is the maist haly devyne sꝛrwice
That man heir on erth [1] vnto god may present
ffaith with repentance Is the dew and *per*fect device
That withstandis the diuill and his cursit Entent
Pray to god Trust in him Bot first be penitent
ffor as a seuir schip savis thame That be thairin
Sa prayar be repenta*n*ce savis ws frome drownyng in syn

ffaith

ffaith is a steidfastnes and trewth of thingis
Spokin and convenantit off god or of man
A richt faith in god with it all wayis bringis
Invinsibill powar / That michtelly can
Withstand the assaltis of the crewall satan .
ffor he þat is faithfull and trew in all thingis
Hes michtyar sꝛrvandis Than lordis or kingis

ffeir of god

Withowt the feir of god na ma*n* can be Iust
nor ȝit richtly rewill his corrupt nature
ffeir strangly mortifyis all filthy lust
ffeir fyndis entrance in to a lyfe moist peure
Quhilk feir vpoun luve dependis maist seure
Or ellis feir withowt luve Incressis hatred
And quhame me*n* do feir Thay wiſs war perischeid

Aristotle

Bettir it is to dye / The sawlis lyfe to save
Than to loiſs the sawle / The bodyis lyfe to have

[1] *Interlined.*

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Seneca

It is better to haif the sawle garnissid w^{t} vertew
Than the body deckid w^{t} purple / gold / or blew

ffinis

Page 91 The ſirst salme beatus vir fol. 16 *a*

Happie is hie / hes hald him fre /
ffrome folkis of defame
Alwayis to fle / Iniquite /
And sait of syn and schame

Bot hes his will / conforme vntill
The lord*is* co*m*mand and law
Thame to fulfill / w^{t} purpoiſs still /
Boith day and nicht to knaw

He sall haif brute / as tre on rute /
Endlang the rever plantit
To burge and schute / and sall gif frutt
In tyme as god hes grantit .

Quhois leif and blaid / Sall nevir faid /
Bot fragra*n*t ay be [1] flureist
Quhois workis on braid / Sall evir spraid
And richtously be nvreist .

Sall non be so / off nochtis no /
Quhilk bene of cursit bind [2]
Bot thay sall go / lyk dust and stro
Bene vaneist w^{t} the wind

[1] be *repeated and deleted.* [2] *Sic.*

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Evill men lykwyiß / Sall not arryiß /
to Iugement As the trust [1]
Nor thame that lyiß / in syne of syiß [1]
To counsale wt the Iust

ffor air and lait / the lord weill wait /
the wayiß of vertewus men
And every gait / off wicket stait
Sall perreiß owt of ken

Gloria Patri

To fader gloir / be Evirmoir /
To sone and haly spreit
As wes afoir / Now is in stoir /
And ay salbe So be it

ffinis q alexr scott

Page 92 The fyifty [1] pshalme fol. 16 b

Lord god deliuer me allace
ffor thy grit mercy rewth and grace
Soir mornyng grufling on my face
Rew on my miserie
Als for the mvltitud and space
Off thy heich clemenß heir my cace
And my trespaß Expell and chace
Lord god deliuer me

Wesche me and mak my sawle serene
frome all iniquite that bene
Clenge me of cryme and mak me clene
All vycis for to fle

[1] *Sic.*

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ffor my transgressioun haif I sene
Quhilk tormentis me with tray and tene
And ay my syn forgane myne Ene
Lord god deliuer me

Only to the I did offend
May non my miſs bot thow amend
As by thy sermondis thow art kend
Ourcum all contrarie
In filth lo I begyn and End
by syn maternall I am send
With vyce I vaneiſs and mon wend
Lord god deliuer me

Thow had to veritie sic ȝeill
That of thy wisdome did reweill
incertane hid thingis for my weill
And laid befoir myne E
ffor quhen thy fowth of grace I feill
I salbe clengit clene as steill
And quhyttar than the snaw gret deill
Lord god deliuer me

Thow sall gif glaidnes vnto heir
Me in to Ioy and mirthfull cheir
Quhen all my febill bonis Efeir
Sall gif the lovingis hie
Page 93 Heirfoir avart thy visage cleir fol. 17 *a*
So that my sy*n*nis cum not the neir /
Off my misdeid*is* quhilk dois me deir
Lor[1] god deliuer me

Creat w*t*in me and infound
Ane hart Immaculat and mound
Ane steidfast hairt renew and ground

[1] *Sic.*

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Within my breist to be
fleme me nocht fra thy face fecound
Bot lat thy haly spreit abound
Lord god deliuer me

Restoir me to the exultatioun
I had in the of my saluatioun
And wᵗ thy spreit of cheif probatioun
Ainx sovirlie
I sall to synnaris mak narratioun /
And wicket men in deviatioun
I sall thame ken to consolatioun
Lord god deliuer me

Lord god deliuer me and gyd
ffrome schedding blude and homicyd
My tung sall preiſs the Iust but pryd
And petefull all thre
Lowse thow my lippis that tyme and tyd
I may gif to the lovingis wyd
Till all þat fermely list confyd
Lord god deliuer me

Knew I thow covet sacrifyiſs
Or offerand holocast wald pryiſs
I sowld thame gif bot thow dennyiſs
Sic to ressaif in gre
ffor thy oblatioun lord it lyiſs
in humill hairt contreit alwyiſs
Pennens of spreit thow nolt dispyiſs
Lord God deliuer me

Sweit lord to syon be suave
Page 94 And strenth the wallis of thy conclave fol. 17 b
Jerusalem thy haly grave
Quhilk makis ws ransone fre

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This sacrifice than thow salt have
Off thy Iust pepill and ressave
Thair laill trew hairtis w^{t} all the lave
Lord god deliuer me

Gloir to the fader he aboif
Gloir to the sone for our behoif
Gloir to the haly spreit of loif
In trenefald vnitie
As wes / Is / Salbe ay but roif
Ane thre And thre in ane to proif
Thy godheid nevir may remoif
Lord god deliuer me

ffinis q Scott

To The O mercifull salviour Iesus
My king My lord and my redemar sweit
Befoir thy bludy figor dolorus
I repent my synnys w^{t} humill hart contreit
That evir I did vnto this hour compleit
Baith in werk in word and eik intent
ffalling on face full law befoir thy feit
I cry the mercy and lasar to repent

To the my sweit saluio^{r} I me schirryve
co*m*mitting me in thy m*er*cy [1] excelling
Off the wrang spending of my wittis fyve
In hering / seing / Gusting / Twiching / and smelling
Ganestanding / Greving / moving / and rebelling
Aganis the my god [2] and lord [2] Omnipotent
With teiris of sorrow frome my ene distilling
I cry the m*er*cy and lasar to repent

[1] *Originally* excellenting, *changed to* excelling, *and* excelling *repeated on margin in same hand.* [2-2] *On margin.*

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I wretchit sy*n*ner vyle and full of vyce
Off the sevin deidly synnys dois me schirryve
Page 95 Off pryd / off yre / Invy / and covetyce fol. 18 *a*
Off lichery / gluttony / with slewth ay to ourdryve
Exercing vycis evir in all my lyve
ffor quhilk allace I servit to be schent
Rew on me Iesu for thy woundis fyve
I cry the mercy and lasar to repent

I confeſs me lord that I abusit haif
The sevin deidis of m*er*cy corporall
To hungre meit / Nor drynk to thristy gaif
Nor veseit the seik / Nor did redeme the thrall
Harbreit the wolsome / Nor naikit cled attall
Nor ȝit the deid to bury / tuke I tent
Thow that put m*er*cy aboif thy workis all
I cry the m*er*cy and lasar to repent

In the sevin deidis of marcy spirituall
To ignorantis nocht gaif I my teiching
Synnaris correctioun / Nor destitut counsall
Na [1] vnto wofull wretchis conforting
Nor to my ny^{t}bouris support of my praying
Nor was to ask forgifnes penitent
Nor to forgif my ny^{t}bouris offending
I cry the m*er*cy and lasar to repent

Lord I haif done full littill reverence
To thy sacramentis excellent of renoun
Thy haly supper ffor my syn recompence
And of my gilt the holy satisfactioun
And bapteme als quhilk all my syn wesche doun
Heirof als far as I was negligent
With hairt contreit and teiris falling doun
I cry the m*er*cy and lasar to repent

[1] veseit the *deleted*.

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Commandis

The ten commandis Ane god for till honour
Nocht tane in vane his name no sleyar to be
ffader and moder to wirschep at all hour
To be no theif the haly day to vphie
Nychtbouris to lufe ffals witneſs for to fle
To leif adultre To covet no manis rent
Page 96 Aganis thir preceptis culpable knaw I me fol. 18*b*
I cry the mercy and lasar to repent

[A]rticulis creid

The articulis of trewth In god to trow
The fader that all thingis wrocht and comprehendit
And in his haly blissit sone Iesu
Of mary borne / On croce deit To hell discendit
The thrid day rysing To the fader ascendit
Off quick and deid To cum and hald Iugement
In to thir poynttis O lord quhair I offendit
I cry the mercy and lasar to repent

I trow in to the blissit haly spreit
And in the kirk to do as it commandis
And to thy dome That we sall ryſs compleit
And tak our flesche agane baith feit and handis
All to be saiff in stait of grace that standis
Plane I rewoik in thir quhair I miswent
Befoir the Iuge and lord of see and landis
I cry the mercy and lasar to repent

I synnyt lord that nocht being strong as wall
In howp / in faith / In fervent cheretie
Nocht with the foure vertewis cardenall
Aganis vycis seure Enarming me
With fortitude / prowdence / Temperance thir thre
With Iustice / evir work word or intent
To the chryst Iesu casting vp myne E
I cry *etc.*

[1] *Cut by inlay.*

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Off syn als aganis the haly spreit
Of vertew postponyng And syn aganis nateur
Off contritioun confessour indiscreit
Of ressait sinffull of the my saluio^{r}
Of non repentance and satisfaction seur
Of the sevin giftis the haly gaist me sent
Of Sex petitionis in pater noster peur
I cry the m*er*cy *etc.*

Nocht thanking the of gratitud nor grace
Page 97 That thow me wrocht and bocht w^{t} thy blude fol. 19*a*
Of this schort lyfe re*m*membring nocht the space
The hevinis bliſs The hellis hiddouſs feid
But moir trespaſs my sy*n*nis to remeid
Concluding nevir all thrwch in myne Entent
Thow quhois blude on rude ran for my deid
I cry the m*er*cy and lasar to repent

I knaw me vicious lord and richt culpable
In aithis sweiring / leising / and blaspheming
Off frustrat speiking in court in kirk and table
In wordis vyle In vaneteis Expremi*n*g
Preysing my self And evill my nichbo^{r}*is* demi*n*g
And so in ydilnes my dayis haif spent
Thow that was rent on rude for my redemi*n*g
I cry the m*er*cy and lasar to repent

I sy*n*nit in consaving thoc̄htis Iolie
Vp to the hevin extolling myne ententioun
In he exaltit arrogance and folye
Prowdnes / derisioun scorne / and vilipentioun
Presumptioun / inobedience / and co*n*temptioun
In fals vane gloir and deid*is* negligent
O Thow that deit on rud for my redemptioun
I cry *etc.*

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I synnit als in reif and in oppressioun
In wranguſs gud*is* Taking and posseding
Contrar gud ressoun / conscience and discretioun
Of prodigall spending but rewth of peure folk*is* neiding
In fowll disceptionis in fals inventionis breiding
To conqueiſs honor Tresor land and rent
In fleschly lust aboif mesur exceding
I cry *etc.*

Off mynd dissymvlat lord I me confeſs
Of feid vndir freindly countenance
Of *par*ciall Iugeing / and perveſs wilfulneſs
In flattering wordis for syni*ng* of substance
Of fals solisting ffor wra*ng* deliu*er*ance
At counsale sessioun and at *par*liament
Of every gilt and wicket govirnance
I cry *etc.*

Page 98 I schryve me of all cursit cumpany fol. 19*b*
All tymes both witting and vnwitting me
Off criminall cauſs off deid of fellony
Of tyranny and vengeable crewaltie
In hurt or slaw^{c}ter culpable gif I be
be ony maner deid counsale or consent
O deir Iesu that for me deit on tre
I cry the m*er*cy and lasar to repent

Thocht I haif nocht thy pretious feit to kiſs
As had the magdalene quhen scho did m*er*cy craif
I sall as scho weip teiris for my miſs
And every morrow seik the at thy graif
Thairfoir forgif me as thow hir forgaif
That seis my hart as hiris penitent
Thy pretious body in breist or I ressaif
I cry *etc.*

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To mak me Iesu on the to re*m*member
I ask thy passioun me so to habound
Quhill nocht vnmenȝeit be in me ane me*m*bir
Bot fall in wo with the of every wound
And every straik mak throw my hart a stound
That evir did stenȝie thy fair flesche Innocent
So þat no pairt of my body be sound
Bot crying the me*r*cy and lasar to repent

Off all thir sy*n*nis that I did heir Expreme
and als forȝet (to the lord) I me schryif
Appeling fra thy Iustice court extreme
Vnto thy thy [1] court of me*r*cy exvlyif
Thow mak my schip in blissit port to arryif
That sailis heir in stormis violent
And saif me Iesu for thy woundis fyve
That cryis the me*r*cy and lasar to repent

ffinis q dumbar

Page 99 O most heich and eternall king fol. 20 *a*
Thow helppis the lame and blind to sicht
ffrome the dois every vertew spring
Geving the sone and mone thair licht
Help now to gyd my mynd arricht
This lattir sentence till apply
Quhilk come to me this vþir nicht
He that wold leif most lerne to dy
[2]
My cluddy sicht O lord mak cleir
Tak of the mist that hurtis soir
And latt the licht of grace appeir
Thow cu*m*is to saif that wes forloir

[1] *Sic.* [2] *Stanza omitted here, which is in the Draft MS.*

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The blind to sicht Thow dois restoir
Sic is thy gentill courtasie
To the be lawid and prayiſs thairfoir
He that wold leif most lerne to dy

Oppin my Eis my *mer*cifull lord
The licht of faith cleirly to sie
And to beleif thy secreit word
The quhilk dois say cum vnto me
All ȝe that labor refrescit to be
This proclamatioun chryist did cry
To tak frome ws Iniquitie
[1]
Chryst come nocht the richtouſs to call
Bot synnaris to repentance
Off him we haif the confort all
Quhairfoir his holy name avance
he mak*is* for ws *per*urveance [2]
Gif we in tyme frome vyce dois flee
W^t^ him we sall haif heretance
He that wold leif most lern to dy

Agane god sayis gif ȝe me luve
Tha*n* ȝe most keip my co*m*mandment
This text all godly me*n* dois move
To be to him obedient
It is for ws expedient
His godly will to magnifie
Page 100 And of our sinfull lyvis repent fol. 20 *b*
He that wold leife most lerne to dy

Dy frome all syn and wicketnes
frome pryd and abhominatioun
Dy frome slewth and covetousnes
Preiſs to gud occupatioun

[1] *A line omitted here, which is in the Draft MS.* [2] *Sic.*

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Now is tyme mak preparatioun
Our synfull lyvis to mortify
for help To god mak meditatioun
He þat *etc.*

gif thow desyre for to leif long
in rest and peice and see gud dayis
ffrome speiking lyis refrane thy tong
The four and thretty salme thus sayis /
To call ws vnto godly wayiſs
And wickit toungis to pacifie
re*m*me*m*bir this mak no delayis
He þat wold leif most lerne to dy

Tak chryistis croce vpon ȝo^{r} bak
And follow him in leving peur
Wirk weill in tyme and be nocht slak
for heir we can not long Endeur
Tyme gois Away ȝe may be seur
our flowris fedis away trewly
Thairfoir to god for grace procure
He þat *etc.*

The psalme doith say call vpoun me
In tyme of tribulatioun
And than I will deliuer the
the lord hes sic compassioun
To him mak supplicatioun
And call vpoun him fathfully
quhen ȝe haif visitatioun
He þat *etc.*

O lord of lord*is* celestiall
thy michty arme doith ws defend
Be the we ryiſs quhen we do fall
Thy m*er*cy non can comprehend

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Page 101 Lord pardone ws quhair we offend fol. 21 *a*
Heir in this vaill of miserie
Thus I conclud and makis ane End
He that will leif most lerne to dy

ffinis q norvall

Christe qui lux es et dies
O Iesu chryst the verry licht
And daye that vndois all dirknes
Vncovering mirknes of the nicht
Tho licht of licht beleve it richt
Thow gra*n*t ws all but disperance
Of thy visage to haif a sicht
Lumen beatum predicans

Precamur sancte domine
Our haly lord to the we pray
Defend ws in this nicht that we
In the mot rest w*t*owt effray
And grant ws grace þat we may say
this ympne so plesandly to the
To bed quhen that we boun ws Ay
Noctem quietem tribue

Ne grauis sompnus Irruat
thow tak ws lord in thy keiping
fra our e*n*nemy and all his wreth
Defend ws lord attour all thing
fra dully dremis in our sleping
fra baliall & his belfull bake [1]
Lat nevir our flesche in *con*senting
Nos tibi reos statuath [2]

[1] bathe *deleted and altered by another hand to* bake. [2] *Sic.*

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Oculi sompnum capiant
our ene tak sleping on this wyse
That our hart walk and be constant
In hevinly thot and thy serwyiſs
fra we tak rest quhill that we ryiſs
Sen we may nowdir mvt nor munt
Page 102 Thy haly hand keip ws that lyiſs fol. 21 b
famulos qui te diligunt

Defensor noster aspice
Our only god and defendour
Behald our Ennemy & se
Ay wating ws fra hour till hour
God send ws grace fra hevynis tour
To brek thair power and thair preſs
And save ws fra thair sawis sour
quos sanguine mercatus Es

Memento nostri domine
Haif ws in mynd and grant ws meid
Till in this frivoll flesche ar we
Haif mercy lord of our misdeid
Thow art þe [1] defensor at neid
Of our sawlis in necessitie
On domisday quhen all sall dreid
Adesto nobis domine

Deo Patri sit gloria
To glorius god the fader fre
And to his onlie sone alswa
And to the holy gaist all thre
Evirlesting gloir but ending be
Thow grant ws grace quhen we hyne ga
That we thyne Endles Ioy may se
In sempiterna secula

ffinis

[1] our *deleted and* þe *interlined.*

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O hicht of hicht and licht of licht most cleir
Prince w^t^owt peir / Crhyst Iesu king of micht
Sone schynyng bricht / aboif saturnus spheir
Quhois vesage heir / ffor ws wox dym of sicht
The way to beir / ws to eternall licht

Thy bittir passioun thy pane and thy torment
In ws now prent / with pane and sic pvnitioun
That exersitioun / Off deidis penitent
In ws be lent / w^t^ teiris of contritioun
Page 103 Quhill thow consent / thow gif ws thy remissioun fol. 22 a

ffor weill war me the mirreit of thy woundis
That passis the boundis / of our Iniquitie
With mercy / This warld in syn that dround is
fro hellis houndis / conserve our sawlis fre
Quhen that thow soundis thy awfull horne on hie

Redemptor gud ressaif in paradice
Thy merchandyce / that thow bocht on the rude
Latt not the wude / infernall cokatrice
fra the ws tyse / Sweit Iesu myld of mude
ffor the grit pryce / And vertew of thy blude

Obedient sone thow wes to the deid
And all in reid / for ws wes revin and rent
Schamit and schent / with thorny croun on heid
rute of remeid / Gife ws fra hyne we went
Thy blissit steid / Aboif the firmament

ffinis

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Spair me gud lord and mak me clene
ffor my lyfedayis thay be richt nocht
Quhat is a man thot he be kene
Bot waistis away as dois a thocht
Think lord of erd thow hes ws wrocht
And in to clay that turne mon we
Quhen ony baill Is for ws brocht
Than parce michi domine

A man is of a woman born
His lyf is bot a littill thraw
his wretchitnes is him beforne
quhill he hs weill he stand*is* no aw
In his maist welth he can not knaw
Nowdir him self nor ȝit god hie
Quhen we ar deid and lyis full law
Than *par*ce michi domine

Page 104 My sawll is irkit of my lyfe fol. 22 *b*
Thruch wretschitnes quhilk*is* me within
ffor labor sorrow sturt and stryif
Dreid of deid and dalie syn
The feind he wetis his pray to win
Ws till abandoun evir wald hie
quhen deid his devoir sal begyn
Than *par*ce mihi domine

Sall paipis bischopis and clerkis sterf
Sall thay haif hell for sy*nn*is saik
ȝe thay sall haif as thay deserf
for thay a full hard compt sall mak
Because the kirkis gudis thay tak
Syne dois þairfoir nocht thair dewtie
Except sic sy*nn*is thay sair forsaik
Tha*n par*ce michi do*mi*ne

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Sall lordis and ladeis die & rot
Or sall thay stynk that smellis now sweit
Sall wormis thame brese abowt the throt
Quhair goldin colleris hingis so meit
Quhen thay ar prickit in a scheit
Than lost is all thair ryaltie
Bot micht thay leif thay wold so ȝeit
Nunc *parce* mihi domine

I mene richt weill quhat evir I say
Wald god to that we cowld tak heid
And graith our sawlis the reddy way
Aganis the feirfull day of deid
Lord for thy woundis that soir cowth bleid
quhe*n* thow for ws deit on tre
Tak no vengance for our misdeid
Bot *par*ce michi domine

ffinis

Cum haly spreit moist superne
Page 105 Vesy thy pepill and inspyre fol. 23*a*
Illumene ws with licht eterne
Inflame ws with the fervent fyre
Of luve of the with sic desyre
That nothing erdly sover ws
Nor *pair*t ws fra thy hie Empyre
Veni creator spiritus

Quhen ony werkis we begin
Thow be w^{t} ws O haly gaist
Latt no evill spreit ws w^{t}hin
Mak soiorne quhair thow sowld be plaist

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Cum sone and tak the houſs in haist
Cum capitane gude and gratius
At morrow or our claythis be laist
Veni creator spiritus

And thoᵗ the Ennemy wald intend
To sett a sege the houſs abowt
Be thow wᵗin for to deffend
We force nocht quha assaill þairowt
Cum lord and in our lugeing lowt
Cum our protector glorius
Quhome we sall thaⁿk and lawd but dowt
Veni creator spiritus

ffinis

ȝe sonis of men be mirry and glaid
and leif in consolatioun
Tak in ȝour hairtis no clothis said
Dule / dreid / nor disperatioun
Haif howp of ȝoʳ salvatioun
Think on the Ioy that is to cum
Be meik in tribulatioun
Lawdate servi dominum

Be glaid ȝe princis moist potent
Quhome god hes gevin of his fre grace
grit ryell renoun riches and rent
Page 106 And lusty lordschyppis to Imbrace fol. 23 *b*
Benyngly fall vpoun ȝour face
and love the lord of all and sum
That of this lyf he lent ȝow heſs
Lawdate servi dominum

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And ȝe quhome god na possessouris
In to this warld hes maid heirdoun
Of benificis bound*is* nor tressouris
ȝe thank als richelie his renoun
As ȝe all cuntreis tour and toun
Ioysit of Iordane to ꝑe flume
thy compt is leſs at conclusioun
Lawdate ſ*e*rui dominu*m*

Quhairfoir I reid boith riche and peur
that of ȝour *pair*t ȝe [1] be content
for warldly substance is not seur
Nor is possessioun *per*manent
Think that this lyfe is nocht the lent
for skafing heir of scruf and skum
bot to serve god w^{t} clene entent
Lawdate *etc.*

Sen that fra god ȝour grace cu*m*mis all
fra ȝo^{r} regrait ȝe gif him girth
Thocht he ȝo^{r} gud tak grit and small
fader and moder barne and birth
Blaspheme him not be feild nor firth
Nor drowp ȝe not as ȝe war dum
bot boith in mowth and mynd w^{t} mirth
Lawdate servi dominu*m*

Gif god list tak vnto his gloir
ȝour freind ꝑairfoir [2] say not allace
Bot humly gif him thankis ꝑairfoir
That tuik him to sa Ioyfull place
quhair ȝe w^{t} bliſs sall v*ꝑi*ris brace
super occursois syderum
ȝo^{r} saluio^{r} seing in the face
Lawdate servi dominu*m*

ffinis

[1] *Interlined.* [2] ȝe *deleted.*

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Page 107 3e that contreit bene and confest fol. 24 *a*
a sprituall glaidnes to 3ow tak
for 3e ressaif a glorious gaist
The lord that all the hevy*m*nis did mak
Awalk in spreit and be not waik
Think evir thair watis 3ow ane fo
With humill hairt him not foirsaik
Letamini Iusti in domino

3e sowld be glaid for ressonis seir
for now it is the tyme of grace
The tyme of penitence and prayeir
The tyme of conqueiſs and of purchace
Of the triumphand hevinly place
That evill angellis wer baneist fro
for 3e sall see his blissit face
Letamini Iusti in domino

Now is the tyme of battell stowt
that every ane of ws sowld be
Inarmit baith w*t*in and owt
With howp / faith / and cheritie
Aganis thir crewall fayis thre
The divill the warld the flesche also
With the croce in 3o*r* standart [1] hie
Letamini Iusti in domino

3e that ar richtous of Intent
and groundit vpon suthfastnes
And list not to no wrang consent
To lye Dessaif nor to oppreſs
Lat Ioy in to 3o*r* hairtis increſs
ffor he þat brocht ws owt of wo
Sall weill reward 3ow moir and leſs
Letamini Iusti in domino

ffinis

[1] r *interlined.*

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Ane prayer for the pest

O eterne god of power infinyt
To quhois hie knawlege na thing is [1] obscure
Page 108 That is / or was / or evir salbe perfyt fol. 24 *b*
in to thy sicht quhill that this warld indure
Haif m*er*cy of ws Indigent and peure
Thow dois na wrang to pvneiſs our offens
O lord that is to mankynd haill succure
Preserve ws fra this perrelus pestilens

We the beseik O lord of lordis all
thy Eiris inclyne and heir our grit regrait
We ask remeid of the in generall
That is of help and confort desolait
bot thow with rewth our hairtis recreat
We ar bot deid but only thy clemens
We the exhort on kneis law prostrait
Preserf ws fra this *per*rellus pestilens

We ar richt glaid thow pvneiſs our trespaſs
be ony kynd of v*þ*ir tribulatioun
Wer it thy will o lord of hevin allaiſs
that we sowld thus be haistely put doun
And dye as beistis w*t*out confessioun
That nane dar mak w*t* v*þ*ir residence
O blissit Iesu that woir the thorny croun
Preserve ws frome this perrellus pestilens

Vse derth o lord Or seiknes and hungir soir
and slaik thy plaig that is so penetryve
Thy pepill ar perreist quha ma remeid *þair*foir
bot thow O lord That for thame lost thy lyve
Suppoiſs our syn be to the pungityve
Oure deid ma nathing our synnys recompens
Haif m*er*cy lord we ma not with the stryve
Preserve ws *etc.*

[1] of *deleted*.

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Haif m*er*cy lord haif m*er*cy hevynis king
Haif m*er*cy of thy pepill penetent
Haif mercy of our petouſs punissing
retreit the sentence of thy Iust Iugeme*n*t
Aganis ws synnaris that servis to be schent
Page 109 W^t^owt mercy we ma mak no defens fol. 25 *a*
Thow that but rewth vpoun the rude was rent
Preserve ws frome this *per*rellus pestilens

Remmember lord how deir thow hes ws bocht
That for ws synnaris sched thy pretius blude
Now to redeme that thow hes maid of nocht
That is of vertew barrane and denude
Haif rewth lord of thyne awin symlitude
Puneiſs with pety and nocht w^t^ violens
We knaw it is for our Ingratitude
that we ar pvneist w^t^ this pestilens

Thow grant ws grace for till amend our miſs
And till evaid this crewall suddane deid
We knaw our syn is all the cause of thiſs
for oppin syn thair is set no remeid
The Iustice of god mon pvneiſs than bot dreid
for by the law he will w^t^ non dispens
quhair Iustice laikis thair is Eternall feid
Of god that sowld preserf fra pestilens

Bot wald the heiddismen that sowld keip the law
Pveneiſs the peple for thair transgressioun
Thair wald na deid the peple than owrthraw
bot thay ar gevin so planely till oppressioun
That god will no^t^ heir thair intercessioun
bot all ar pvneist for thair Innobediens
be sword or deid w^t^owttin remissioun
And hes Iust cause to send ws pestilens

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Superne / lucerne / guberne / this pestilens
Preserve / and serve / that we not sterve thairin
Declyne / that pyne / be thy devyne prudens
O trewth / haif rewth / lat not our slewth ws twin
Our syt / full tyt / wer we contryt / wald blin
Dissiver / did never / quha evir the besocht
Page 110 Send grace / wt space / and ws Imbrace / fra syn fol. 25 b
Latt nocht be tynt that thow so deir hes bocht

O prince preclair / this cair / cotidiane
We the exhort / distort / it in exyle
Bot thow remeid / This deid / is bot ane trane
for to dissaif / the laif / and thame begyle
Bot thow sa vyiß / devyiß to mend this byle
Of this mischeif / quha ma releif / ws ocht
for wrangus win / bot thow our syn ourfyll [1]
Latt not be tynt *etc.*

Sen for our vyce / that Iustyce / mon correct
O king most hie / now pacifie / thy feid
Our syn is huge / Refuge / we not suspect
As thow art Iuge / deluge ws of this dreid
In tyme assent Or We be schent with deid
We ws repent / and tyme mispent forthocht
Thairfoir / Evirmoir / be gloir / To thy godheid
Lat nocht be tynt that thow sa deir hes bocht

ffinis [2] q henrysone [2]

The song of the virgin mary

magnificat anima mea dominum With lawd and prayiß my saule hes magnifeid
The eternall god both ane two and thre
That all hes Maid and every thing dois gyid
Quhilk of his micht and bonteuß petie

[1] *Sic.* [2–2] *Written in a later hand.*

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Off his gudnes and eik benignitie
Only of his mercy list to haif plesance
ffor to considder and gratiouslie to sie
To my Meiknes and humill attendance

My spreit also wt thot and hairt Efeir
et exultauit spiritus meus — Reiosit hes with fully haboundance
In god that is my souerane haill Enteir
And all my Ioy and all my sufficance
My haill desyre and my full sustenance
Wtin my thot he is so deip ingrave
that bot in him wtowt variance
In all this warld I can no glaidnes haive

Page 111 — ffor he frome hevin gudly hes behold — fol. 26 a
Quia respexit humilitatem ancille sue — Of his hand maid the humilitie
Quhairfoir in sic only for he wold
All kinrikkis saue Blissit call thay me
Of quhilk o lord the thank be vnto the
Wt prayiſs and honor of hevery hairt and toung
for this allone be to thy name ay soung

quia fecit mihi magna — ffor he to me hes done thingis grit
Of he renoun and passing excellence
His grace so fully to me dois fleit
for hie is michty off maist magnificence
His Name is holy and maist of reverence
Than for to leif it sall I nevir astart
To trust in him wt my hoill mynd and hairt

Et misericordia eius *etc.*

And his marcy moist passing famouſs
frome kin to kin and so doun to kinreid
Sall throw his grace be so plenteouſs
Perpetualy that it sall ay proceid

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And specialy to thame thame [1] that luve & dreid
My gratius lord w^t^ hairt will & mynd
To suche his pitie sall spring & spreid
Of dew richt and nevir be behind

fecit potentia in brachio suo

And als his arme he forcit & maid strang
His dreidfull micht that me*n* may sie & knaw
And prowd men þat thay ringin not to lang
He severit hes and maid thame so full law
W^t^ all his hairt doun fra the quheill thame thraw
ffor to abait thair surquedry and pryd
full soddanly And laid thair boist on syd

Deposuit potentes de sede

The michty potent frome thair Ryell sie
Evin as he wold he hes thame brocht law doun
Page 112 And humill and meik for thair humilitie fol. 26 *b*
He hes avancit to full hie renoun
ffor he can mak ane transsmutatioun
fro law to hie as it is sene full oft
And quhen he list the dominatioun
Of warldlie pomp to fallin full vnsoft

esurientes impleuit

He hes fulfillit and fosterit in thair neid
With gudis and plenteus lerges
Thame that hungyrie Indigent and in dreid
And thame relevit of all thair wretchitnes
And he the riche hes Rawcht frome thair riches
ffull wyld and waist To walk vpoun the plane
And suddanlie thame plungit in distreſs
And solitar to lat thame leif in pane

Suscepit israell puerum suu*m*

[1] *Sic.*

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And he his chosin chyld of ysraell
Benynglie hes taik in to his grace
And of his mercy hes remembrit weill
To woyid all vengeance frome his face
And humill pepill sall occupy his place
And peax salbe seisit in his stall
And rewth sall his richt so Imbrace
To sett his mercy aboif his warkis all

Sicut locutus est

As he hes spokin and suthfastly behecht
To our faderis that we haif [1] had befoir
To abrahame And to his syid arricht
That his mercy sall lest for evirmoir
ffor withowt it this warld had bene forloir
To the quhilk to mak men to attene [2]
He hes maid mercy mankynd to restoir
Off all his werkis to be soverene

ffinis

ffollowis ballatis of the nativitie of chryste

Page 113 Now glaidith euery liffis creature fol. 27 *a*
Wt bliſs and confortable glaidneſs
The hevynnis king is cled in our nature
Ws fro þe deth wt ransoun for to redreſs
The lamp of ioy þat chasis all dirkneſs
Ascendit to be þe þe [3] warldis licht
ffro euery baill our boundis for to bleſs
borne of þe glorius virgyn mary bricht

[1] *Interlined.* [2] *Originally* obtene. [3] *Sic.*

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Abone þe radius hevin etheriall
The court of sterris þe courſs of sone and mone
The potent Prince of Ioy Imperiall
The he surmonting empriour abone
Is cu*m*myn fra his mychtie faderis trone
In erd w^t^ ane Inestimable licht
And is of angellis with a sueit intone
Borne of þe most chest virgin mary bricht

Quhoeuir in erd hard so blyth a story
or tithing of sa grit felicite
As how þe garthe of all grace and glory
ffor luve and m*er*cy hes tane humanite
Makar of angellis man erd hevin and se
And to ourcum our fo and put to flicht
Is cu*m*in a bab full of benignite
Borne of *etc.*

The souerane senȝour of all celsitude
That sittis abone þe ordour cherubin [1]
quhilk all thing creat and all thing dois includ
That neuir sall end na neu*ir* moir did begin
But quhome is no^t^ ffra quhome no tyme dois rin
With quhome all gud is w^t^ quhome is euery wicht
Is with his woundis cum for to wesche our [2] syn
Borne *etc.*

Quhairfoir sing all w^t^ confort and glaidnes
And cast away all cair and cuvatice
Devoyd all wo and leif in merines
Exerce vertew and banyſs euery vice
Dispyſs fortoun richt ry*n*is on synk and sise
And in þe honour of his blisful mycht
All welcum we þe prince of paradice
Borne of þe most chest virgyn mary bricht

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[1] a *deleted and* u *interlined.*

[2] *Originally* on.

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Rorate celi desuper
Hevins distill ȝour balmy schouris
for now is rissin þe bricht day ster
ffro þe roſs mary flour of flouris
The cleir sone quhome no clud devouris
Surmi*n*ting phebus in þe est
Is cu*m*in of his hevinly touris
Et nobis power [1] natus est

Page 114 Archangellis angellis and dompnationis fol. 27 *b*
Tronis potestatis and marteiris seir
and all ȝe hevinly operationis
Ster planeit firmament and speir
fyre erd / air / and watter cleir
To him gife loving most and lest
That come in to so meik maneir
Et nobis puer natus est

Synnaris be glaid and pe*n*nance do
and thank ȝour makar hairtfully
ffor he þat ȝe mycht no^{t} cum to
To ȝow is cu*m*in full humly
ȝour saulis w^{t} his blud to by
and louſs ȝow of þe feindis arrest
And only of his awin m*er*cy
Pro nobis *etc.*

All clergy do to him inclyne
and bow vnto þat barne benyng
And do ȝour obseruance devyne
To him þat is of kingis king
Ensence his alt*ar* reid and sing
in haly kirk w^{t} mynd degest
him honouring attour all thing
Qui nobis *etc.*

[1] *Sic.*

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Celestiall [1] fowlis in þe Are
Sing wt ȝour nottis vpoun hicht
In firthis and in forrestis fair
Be myrtfull now at all ȝour mycht
ffor passit is ȝour dully nycht
Aurora hes þe cluddis perst
The son is rissin wt glaidsum lycht
Et nobis *etc.*

Now spring vp flouris fra þe rute
reuert ȝow vpwart naturaly
In honour of þe blissit frute
That raiſs vp fro þe rosemary
lay out ȝor levis lustely [2]
fro deid tak lyfe now at þe lest [2]
In wirschip of þat prince wirthy
Qui nobis puer natus est

Syng hevin Imperiall most of hicht
regions of air mak armony
All fishe [3] in flud and foull of flicht
be myrthfull and mak melody
All gloria in excelsis cry
Hevin Erd Se man bird and best
He þat is crownit abone þe sky
Pro nobis puer natus est

ffinis q dumbar

Ierusalem reioſs for Ioy
Iesus þe sterne of most bewte
Page 115 In þe is rissin as rytouſs roy fol. 28*a*
ffro dirknes to Illumyne the

[1] flour *deleted.* [2] *ll.* 45, 46 *on margin.* [3] *Originally* fiche.

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Wt glorius sound of angell gle
Thy prince is borne in baithlem
Quhilk sall þe mak of thraldome fre
Illuminare Ierusalem

With angellis licht in legionis
Thow art Illumynit all about
Thre kingis of strenge regionis
To þe ar cu*m*in wt lusty rout
All drest with dyamantis but dout
reverst wt gold in every hem
Sounding attonis with a schout
Illuminare Ierusalem

The regeand tirrant þat in þe rang
Herod / Is exilit and his ofspring
The land of Iuda þat josit wrang
And rissin is now þi richtouſs king
So he so mychtie is and [1] ding
quhen me*n* his gloriuſs name dois nem
Hevin erd and hell mak*is* inclynyng
Illumynare *etc.*

His cu*m*myng knew all element
The air be sterne did him *per*saife
The watter quhen dry he on it went
The erd þat trymlit all and raife
The sone quhen he no lichtis gaif
The croce quhen it wes done contem
The stanis quhen thay in pecis claif
Illu *etc.*

The deid him knew þat raiſs vpricht
quhilk lang tyme had þe erd lyne vndir
Crukit and blynd declarit his micht
That helit of thame so mony hundir

[1] so *deleted.*

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Nature him knew and had grit wundir
quhen he of wirgyn wes borne but wem
Hell quhen þair ȝettis wer broken a sundir
Illumynare Ierusalem

ffinis

ffinis

Haill goddis sone of mychtis maist
That with þe glorius fader began
Euir rynging w^{t} þe haly gaist
All seing present now and than
Quhome comprehend no hevy*n*is can
Nec genus temporum mensurabit
ffor ws thow tuk þe forme of man
Beatus venter qui te portauit

ffirst be þe prophetis it wes schawin
To ws lord of thy cu*m*ing heir
Be angellis syne in erd maid knawin
and be appostill*is* preschit cleir
Page 116 Writtin be euangelistis but weir fol. 28 *b*
quos quatuor testes permisisti
That with þi deid thow bocht ws deir
Beata vbera que suxisti

Hale Iesu virgyn, Immaculat
hale virgy*n*is fruct farest and best
Out of þe lilly Illuminat
Thow sprang but spot roſs ryellest
quhen fro þe nobillest nest
Thow raiſs a semine regis dauid
To ransone ws and bring to rest
Beatus venter qui te portauit

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Thow king most gloriuſs and grete
quhat meiknes wes thy mynd wt̄in
Out of þi he supernall sete
Law to discend and wesche our sin
Making a maid of our pure kin
for to be callit mater christi
Our saulis fra þe feind to win
Beata vbera que suxisti

Haill crownit king of angellis cleir
haill lord of all þe angellis he
haill prince of *parr*adice but peir
haill emprior of erd and se
That fro þe faderis maiestie
Qui omnia secula creauit
Come down for ws a man to be
Beatus venter qui te portauit

Quhen we wer banyst fro þi bliſs
And in þe lymb fra lichtnes lent
Mercy bad the forgif our miſs
And mekle mekit thyn entent
Bot richt said euer in Iugeme*n*t
quod su*m*ma veritas fuisti
And mycht not to þat wrang consent
Beata vbera que suxisti

Thus euer quhen m*er*cy spak for ma*n*
rycht said he s*er*uit for to de
Sa vpoun þis a stryfe began
In hevy*n*nis consistory he
Thow sone of god þame to agre
Lis quorum celis non cessauit
To de for ma*n* thow take on the
Beatus venter qui te portauit

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Than wt sueit sound and melody
Sang all þe angell ordouris cleir
And all þe hevinly cumpany
Page 117 Reiosit wt a blisfull cheir fol. 29 a
p̄eax̄ kist Iustice hir sistir deir 61
quia nos redemere voluisti
Than rycht and mercy Imbracit neir
beata vbera que suxisti

Be mercy first thow wald on rude 65
De for ws synnaris þat þow wrocht
And syn be richt þe hell denude
off ws quhome wt þi blud thow bocht
quhen þis wes to conclusioun brocht
Virginem gabriell salutauit 70
With ane gratia mekle of thot
Beatus venter qui te portauit

This virgya sueit þat neuir offendit
Wes sone obedient to þi will
And thow as dow in hir discendit 75
The haly scriptur to fulfill
Ws to deliuer frome exill [1]
Tunc in hunc mundum peruenisti
quhairfor euir loving be þe till
Beata vbera que suxisti 80

The nyt of þi natiuite
The erd wes full of plesand licht
The hevin wes full of angell gle
The hellis power wes put to flicht
A sterne raiſs wt bemis bricht 85
Et omnem terram Illuminauit
In signe þat thow wes borne þat nyt
Beatus venter qui te portauit

[1] *Originally* exile.

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Thre kingis wt grit reuerence
gold / sence / & myr did to þe bryng
In signe of thy magnificence
and þat thow wes þe gretest king
but end eternaly to ring
Tu regnum[1] munera recipisti
The angellis did about þe sing
Beata vbera que suxisti

Into þis erd wt pane and greif
our saulis fra þe feind thow wan
grit hungir / thrist cauld and mischeif
Thow sufferit for þe saik of man
Sevin tymes for ws thy blud outran
qui nos ab omne crimine lauit
Syn deit for ws with visage wan
Beatus venter qui te portauit

ffinis

We þat ar bocht wt chrystis blude
Lat ws wt loving till him lout
Page 118 That ransonit ws vpoun þe rude fol. 29 b
ffra ruffy ragmen and his route
quhairfoir suld we þir deuillis doute
habentes talem redemptorem
Write we in till our standert stoute
Virgo peperit saluatorem

Chest virgyn mary in hevin now hicht
Thow moder of þe king of gloir
The blyth birth of of[1] þi bosum bricht
hes done ws to þe joy restoir

[1] *Sic.*

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We sall sing euir in erd þairfoir
Ad tui nominis honorem
how þat but macull leſs or moir
Virgo peperit saluatorem

The he lord fro þe hevin abone
As dew discendit in þe dovne
and ws his seruandis succurit sone
out of þe herbry of mahoun
our ransoner of grete renoun
curauit seculi langorem
W^t his most glorius passioun
Virgo *etc.*

Thy bosum blist be þat bare
our saluatour farest of face
War no^t þi fruct þat flurist fair
Our lynnage all had said allace
Thow glorius grane and plant [1] of grace
que germinauit celestem florem
Infernall dragonis for to chace
Virgo *etc.*

Thow lusty ledy [2] lamp of lycht
Loud louit w^t celestiall sang
Off þe is borne our dawing brycht
That doun our drery dirknes dang
Our brycht appollo fra þe sprang
Dans mundi tenebras splendorem
That fra þe dragon reft þe stang
Virgo *etc.*

The hevynnys lord culd law discend
In þe all sinfull man to saue
him þat no^t hevin culd comprehend
Thy wamb wes wirthy to ressaue

[1] *Originally* planeit. [2] g *changed to* d.

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Thow closit in þi cleir conclaue
Celi et terre conditorem
quhilk derfly doun þe dragon draif
Virgo peperit saluatorem

We haif put ws and god [1] betuene
Page 119 Our saluatur Iesu on þe rude fol. 30 *a*
his croun of thorne his windis kene
his passioun and his pretious blude
his muder mary myld of mude
Lacrimas eius et dolorem
That our hir face ran doun as flud
Virgo *etc.*

Betuix ws and thy fellone fede
ane wall ar chrystis wound*is* fyve
his body bathit in blud all rede
The scurgis þat his flesch did ryfe
The speir þat longeus did indryfe
in latus eius *per* vigorem
Schaip the no moir with ws to stryve
Virgo peperit saluatorem

Betuix ws varlo and thy weris
all chrystis passioun we put compleit
no[t] [2] sanct Ionis heid and þe madalanis teiris
The pappis of þe virgyn sueit
The blud and wattir þat scho did grete
propter filiolem [3] amorem
quhen þat scho fell doun at his feit
Virgo *etc.*

He mycht be callit a m*er*cifull king
himself þat offerit to be slane
To keip his peple fro perrissing
That prince he tuk on him þe pane

[1] the *deleted, and* god *interlined.* [2] *On margin.* [3] *Sic.*

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he lost his blud in every vane
Et mortuus est propt*er* amorem
ry^{t} / wald we suld lufe him agane
Virgo *etc.*

The saikles lamb þat neu*ir* offendit
full mekle to þe deid him gave
Syne w^{t} his croce to hell discendit
And rudly doun þe ȝettis rave
Dragonis w^{t} dule on v*þir* drave
Vultus Iesu propt*er* terrorem
he gart thame vndirstanding haue
Virgo p *etc.*

The terrible pit quhen he had temyt
of saulis vnnu*m*merable to nevin
he went w^{t} þame þat he redemyt
And ent*er*it in þe bliſs of hevin
ad p*at*rem o*m*niu*m* creatorem
quhair angellis singis w^{t} Ioyfull stevin
Virgo

O lord sen we haif no refuge
bot þe þat hes sa deir ws bocht
Page 120 Latt m*er*cy wey our synnys huge fol. 30*b*
Or þi Iustice punyce ocht
We creaturis þat thow hes wrocht
Parce do*m*ine et fac fauorem
Latt nevir thy blud be sched for nocht
Virgo peperit saluatorem

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Omnipotent fader sone and haly gaist
Egall in glory puer and maieste
Thre evin of mycht and on of mychtis maist
Ay rignand in eterne diuinite
Off a will / substance / and equalite
[1] In quhome is nowþir first last moir nor lest
To be laud in tryne and vnite
Pro nobis christus homo factus est

Sentence of grace is now diffinityfe
concludit in þe hevinly concistory
Our deth anon returnit is to lyfe
In erd is borne þe blisfull king of glory
To manis heir quhilk is a myrthfull story
Sing christin peplle wt solace joy and fest
Be glaid and blyth and be no langar sory
Pro nobis *etc.*

Our dirk orisoun and sable emysphery
Is lychnyt now wt licht of euery licht
discendit is þe prince of he empery
Wt schynyng face to chace away our nyt
And mak vpspring our purpour dawing bryt
Our blisfull day is clerit in þe est
The sterne of joy hes lent of him a sicht
Pro nobis *etc.*

Go we and meit him wt deuot orisoun
and welcum him our saluiour most sueit
That for ws sufferit grit vexatioun
and hurt of body bair of heid & feit
In travell Torment Thrist hungir cauld & [2] heit
and syne for ws a martir heir did sist
Off quhois cummyng tak confort euery spreit
Pro nobis christus homo factus est

ffinis

[1] *Opposite lines* 6 *and* 7 the *is written on left-hand margin.* [2] sueit *deleted.*

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The sterne is rissin of our redemptioun
In baithlem wt bemes blyth and bricht
The sone of god in erd he schewin him boun
Amang his angellis with a glorius licht
As hevynnys lord of maieste and mycht
Cum mortall kingis and fall on kneis doun
Page 121 Befoir þe king of lestand lyfe and lycht fol. 31 a
The sterne is rissin of our redemptioun

All empriouris kingis princis and preleittis
heir nakit borne and nvreist vp wt noy
Leif all ȝour wofull truble and debaittis
cum luke on the eternall king of joy
Ly all on grufe befoir þat hich grand roy
That only king of euery regioun
Off perce of ynd of egipt grece and troy
The sterne is rissin *etc.*

Inclyne befoir þe cristin conquerour
of euery kith and kinryk vndir sky
The he makar of þe mychte saluatour
The meik redimar most to magnify
With reuerend feir doun on ȝour facis ly
And on þis day in his laudatioun
Aue redemptor Iesu all ȝe cry
The sterne is rissin of our redemptioun

We may not in þis vale of bale abyd
ourdirkit wt þe sable clud nocturn
The sterne of glory is rissyn ws to gyd
Abone þe speir of mars and of saturn
Abone phebus The radius Lamp divrn
To þe superne eternall regioun
Quhair noxiall skyis may mak no sogeorn
The Stern *etc.*

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All follow we þe sterne of most brichtnes
Wt þe thre blisfull orientall kingis
The sterne of day voyder of dirknes
abone all sterris planeitis speiris & singis
Beseiking him fra quhome all mercy springis
Ws to ressaue with mirth of angell soun
In to þe hevin qr þe Imperiall ringis
The stern is rissin of our redemptioun

ffinis natiuitatis dei Sequntur de eius passione quedem cantilenee

My wofull hairt me stoundis throw þe vanis
quhen I behald my makar on þe tre
Wondit forbled all plungit in till panis
Wt rewthfull voce syn cryand vpoun [1] me
O mortall man behald wt hert and E
how for thy saik me panis dois [2] oppreſs
Thot for thy syn my tender spous I de
Benedicta sit sancta trinitas

My fader said go to þi deid my deir
Wt all blytnes I wes obedient
Page 122 Wt my discipilis toward þe ȝerd culd steir fol. 31 b
Syne sone allone till oratioun I went
Suet my blud Prayit wt mynd fervent
betrasit and tane wt men of grit trespaſs
All þe breþir fled of my convent
benedicta sit sancta trinitas

Behind my bak thay band my handis fast
Till annas houſs me led incontinent
Malcus me struk Till caiphas I past
fals witnes aganis me wer present

[1] he *deleted.* [2] heſ *deleted, and* dois *interlined.*

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As blasphemar of god omnipotent
but ony law *þair* I co*n*dampnit waſs
Amang *þair* feit defoulit and forschent
Benedicta *etc.*

Befoir fals jugeis I wes falsly accusit
Sustenit straikis and blasphematioun
myne ene syld My face gritly confusit
malice but mesur ranit on my *per*soun
To pylet presentit w^{t} grit derisioun
Syn to herod rycht sone thay gart me paſs
Thus I sustenit scorne and grit elusioun
Be *etc.*

I wes refusit and þe theif wes fred
Off all vestme*n*t dispoylit and maid bair
bund till a pillar Scurget quhill I bled
Brissit my body ryvin bayth hyd and hair
Till eik my pane and gar my schame be mair
W^{t} purpo^{r} cleth Thay cled my mortall maſs
Baith fell and flesch It sowit and maid sair
Benedicta *etc.*

Vpoun my heid thay thrang a croun of thorn
put in my hand a reid ffor derisioun
Vpoun *þair* kneis audornand me in scorn
The thorne pykis thay to my tay dang doun
Bot fame and name thay think to co*n*found
Thair vyle spitting my panis gart all craſs
ffra heid to fute þat neuir a *pair*te [1] wes sound
Bene *etc.*

Vpoun my bak thay put ane hevy tre
Led me to deid w^{t} tormentis me slew
Off all vestme*n*tis thay barit my bode
On lenth and breid my plagit *per*sone drew

[1] sou *changed to pair*te, *then deleted, and pair*te *interlined.*

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Throw feite & hand*is* rud nalis thay threw
My spirit þan preuit all pane and bittirnes
Wes non this pane bot only god þat knew
Bene *etc.*

ffra xij to [1] iiij vpoun þe croce I hang
Page 123 Plungit in panis and perplexite fol. 32 *a*
Longius a lance in to my body thrang
I wes tane doun and woundit richelie
My muderis splene pairsit calamide
My blissit body quhilk passit all rihas [2]
W^t^in a crag wes closit quietle
Be *etc.*

To Lymbus patrum I passit but mair pane
ffred all my knychtis fra captiuite
To my appostillis I apperit syne agane
all my discipillis [3] lete myne ascensioun se
in glob of grund full of felicite
W^t^ science seir exertand all solaſs
quha seruis me sall sing þ*air* finale
Benedicta *etc.*

Haill god eternall haill grace in all glore
In substance on In þ*er*sonage hale thre
hale prince superne haill hevinly empriore
hale in þe trone of thy devinite
hale of honor puer and dignite
science piete vertew and gudlinaſs
Immensurable be all tyme stait & gre
Benedicta sit sancta trinitas

finis [4] q Clerk [4]

[1] x *deleted.* [2] *Sic.* [3] *Originally* discepillis.
[4]–[4] *In a later hand, almost faded.*

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O wondit spreit and saule in till exile
Schaddow of deth and myrrour of myrknes
Spendand thy sicht Thy gyd is full of gile
Vndir þe hevin thow findis bot fikilnes
Dignite is dowble / in euery stait distres
Deid is certane O blind lust I inquyre
In vicius vanite wilt thow ȝit *per*sewyr

O faith deformit and gife it be faltles
Quhy in thy deidis is sic diuersite
As witles worme vanerand in wrechitnes
Pure of vertew Riche in Iniquite
refusand verite Chesand vanite
Sen chryst and sanctis sa deir þe hevin hes bocht
Trest weill o ma*n* thow cu*m*is no^{t} þair for nocht

Off euery wa The verry deliuerance
The grund of grace off syn remissioun
Victorius trivmphe of vertewis haboundance
The grund and hicht of verry *per*fectioun
All thir ar fundin in chrystis passioun
O hevinly tresur in falt of serching hid
Page 124 Imprent thy grace off my mynd in þe mid fol. 32½

W^{t} mynd deuot and hairtly compacience
behald þe sone of god in orisoun
In bludy sueit he prayit for our offence
In pacience eik The kiſs tuk of tressoun
The appostils fled w^{t} desolatioun
As presoner co*m*mend the in his cure
The to redeme sic dolour cuth Indure

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Freindles amang his fais in febill plite
As Impotent and wirthy of dampnatioun
Thay fylit his face wt spitting and dispite
Sylit his ene as fule in dirisioun
his patience passit Imaginatioun
Peter than fell Quhairfoir o synnare
repent with petir And leif not in dispare

Quhen mary saw hir blissit sone Ihesu
Led throw þe cite wt diuerſs panis smerte
hir dule [1] exceidand his dolour cowth renew
Vnthankfulnes of man thirlit his hairte
The end of auirice of wrechis now aduert
Iudas throw cuvatice The girn of sathanas
hingit him self as man dispair of grace

Christ [2] wes accusit in presens of pilate
The Iowis cryit him for [3] to [3] crucefie
Barrabas wes fred O chance infortunate
The sone of god wes scurgit crewalie
O hevinly flour of our humanitie
Thy fairnes fedit Thy virgin face vox pale
Now man behald þi makar Immortale

Vpoun his heid thay thrang a croun of thorn
ffor diadem a croce to beir of tre
Ane king of Iowis thay salust him in scorn
Betuix twa thevis þai deput him to de
Thus throw his lufe and or [4] Iniquite
he sufferit // Thow synnit O man maist frevolus
Thot thow be wrechit Thy price is ryt pretius

Thay drew him on þe croce wt violence
his vanis brak his banis wes Innwmerable
Cavillit his clething The theif confessit offence
Wt all his myt to grace he maid him able

[1] cowth *deleted.* [2] *Originally* Crhist. [3] *Interlined.*
[4] his *deleted and* or *interlined.*

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cryst prayit *þair* for his fais but fable
his meik mudir abone all virgins blist
hairtly co*mm*endit to Iohine the euangelist

Page 125 O Blissit [1] virgin sege of our saluiour fol. 33 *a*
quhat tho^t^ thow of thy co*mm*endatioun
Sic dule mycht neuir ȝit martiris indure
Thair panis wes mixt w^t^ consolatioun
Bot in þe laik of lamentatioun
thow sowpit wes seand thy son torment
Complenand thus to god omnipotent

O God abufe þat regnis eternally
Excerce thy servand plungit in strang distres
Seand my sone & makar Immortall
Thus hoverand in þe hicht of hevines
The sowrd of sorrow at my hairt cowth incres
W^t^ pvnist spereit in sic *per*plexite
Dippit in dolour dre fur^t^ þi prophece

O man behald þe wofull disseuerance
behald mary behald hir sone Iesu
gife rewth Hes rowme in thy remembrance
W^t^ peteous hairt his passioun thow *per*sew
Throw quhilk thow may thy Innocence renew
O hevinly saule knaw thy felicite
Slay no^t^ thy self w^t^ fals Iniquite

Att [2] hour of none he cryit haly
The sone wes closit in till clud obscure
Myr mixt w^t^ gall he taistit þair trewly
The stanis raif Deid raiß abufe nature
The magdalenis but distance culd indure
Off all his panis quha mycht expreme þe lest
quhen þat he cryit co*n*sumatum est

[1] Blissit *written over an undecipherable word.*
[2] *Originally* Attour, our *deleted.*

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His spreit commendit in to his faderis cure
The vale trymblit throw diuisioun
bayth hevin and erd and lyfeles criature
Vnto þi makar schew compassioun
resume thy spereit man full of confusioun
ffor lufe of Iesus devoyd þe of þi vice
quhilk for the offerit him self in sacrifice

Doun fra þe croce Ioseph than Iesu bur
and spycit his body wt pretius vnȝement
syn grathit him in to his sepulture
Mary his muder wt him wes ay present
Immortal god makar omnipotent
Gife me þi grace fforgiff me my offence
conforme my will to thy benevolence

Punyſs not thy peple lord god in thy grevance
Think quhy thy sone cryst sufferit sic passioun
The croun of thorne The croce eik Longius lance
Page 126 ffor manis syn makis intercessioun fol. 33 b
Haif rewth of manis lamentatioun
To quhome as redemar thow culd wt all commend
ffor lufe of him ws fra our fa defend

ffinis

Compacience perfſs Rewth and mercy stoundis
In myddis my hairt and thirlis throw þe vanis
Thye [1] deid of [2] Iesu Thy precius crewell woundis
Thy grym passioun grit torment and crewell panis
Ingranit sadly in to my spreit remanis
Sen me of not thow bocht wt thy blude
My Ene for dolour wofull teiris ranis
quhen þat I se þe nalit on þe rude

[1] *Sic.* [2] christ *deleted.*

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In liper symonis houſs of bathany
Thy feit annoyntit mary magdalene
With precius balme and verdus spicardy
Scho passit fra thyn hir synnys wes forgeuen
Thy flesch and blud In breid & wyne but wene
Gif thy disciplis and lawlie wische þair feit
Thy manheid dred thy passioun to sustene
quhen þat thow prayit in þe mont oliveit

To gyd þe Iowis come Iudas skareoth
and lust þe kist all þi discipillis fled
As ane wrechit man to caiphas and pilate
bundin as a theif so thow harlid & led
Till arrot arrot had þe in purpor habeit cled
ffor hethin þe [1] halsit blasphemyng wt mony blaw
bundin at a pillar blaiknit and foirbled
In lithosates qr þat thay held *þair* law

Cuttis for þi coit thay kest wes neuir sewit
Out throw þi harnis pyk*is* of thornis [2] applyit
Defowling thy Ene in to þi visage spewit
And for derisioun King of Iowis þai cryit
That wyt sanct petir thy name thriſs denyit
Drowpand in dule myrk wes þi [3] mynd [4] mare
Thy voce than all throw Ierusalem hyit
To se þi sone þat thow fosterit dee

Ruschit on þe croce thir wird*is* did thow repeit
Scitio ryt suyth Thay s*e*ruit þe wt gall
Scherp wes þe speir strang nalis lang & greit
Thy ribbis routit þi face ourspittit all
To golgatha god [5] sone selestiall
Thy corſs throw forſs thow bur wt [6] cur & heit
Thy tendir hyd Thy flesch virginall
Wery for wrot in watt*er* blud & sueit

[1] *Interlined.* [2] *con*pellit *deleted.* [3] *Originally* þe.
[4] of *deleted.* [5] syn *deleted, and* god *interlined.* [6] sur *deleted.*

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Throw mareis saule þe suerd of sorrow thrist
Quhen þat thow said lo *þair* þi sone woma*n*
co*m*mandit hir to Iohine þe evangelist
Page 127 Scherp bludy teiris hir cristall ene oura*n* fol. 34 *a*
Sowand wer thy sydis sair scurgis bla & wan
Nakit and paill deid on þe croce thow hang
Thy vanis bursin thy se*n*nonis schorn than
crownit w^t^ thorne for scorn twa thevis amang

My wofull hairt is bayth roiosit and sad
Thy corſs lord Iesus chryst quhen I behald
off my redemptioun I am m*er*ry and glaid
Seand thy panis sair wep I wald
Cryand haly þe gaistly spereit thow ȝald
To longeus hand þe blud ran in a rest
Thy pretius blud for o^r^ redemptioun thow sald
quhe*n* thow inclinit w^t^ co*n*summatu*m* est

Dirk wes þe sone fra þe sext hour to nyne
Montanis try*m*blit hillis erd schuk & claif
Senturio said thow art god*is* sone devyne
Iosephe decurio spisit þe in þe graif
W^t^ mir mwst most pretius and swaif
The thay gart de and forgaif barrabas
My saule w^t^ sanctis sueit saluatur ressaif
Sen That þi passioun purgis my trespas

ffinis *etc.* de passione et sequitur de resurrectione

Thow þat hes bene obedient
to god be prayeris and abstinence
ffor thy trespas als penitent
but spot & clene of all offence

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Ryſs wt þe lamb of Innocence
To den þat did þe dragoun draife
This day wt he magnificence
The lord hes rissin fro dede to lyffe

The sing triumphale of þe croce
Schew to confound þe feindis feid
and quhair he fechtis wt maist force
Wt confessioun hald doun his heid
ryse wt þi ransoner fro deid
And þe of all thy synnys schryfe
Thow rew vpoun his woundis reid
That for þe deid & raiſs on lyfe

And thow þat art In hairt so dour
þat not for his grit passioun growis
behald þi meik sueit saluiour
The to inbrace how þat he bowis
se how he marterit wes wt Iowis
and how he stud for the in stryff
haif he þi lufe all he allowis
That for þe de *etc.*

And thow þat ar wt errour dirkit
follow þe lord the way is plane
Page 128 and of his fute stappis be not irkit fol. 34 *b*
That tuk thy gydschip wt sic pane
quhen thow gois wrang return agane
and with þi ransoner revyfe
Lang to sin to ly not slane
bot riſs wt him from deid to lyif

O man þat wes in syn disparit
Tak now gud howp & haif fruitioun
ffor þow þat rebell wes declarit
hes of þi realme restitutioun

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Now blindit is þi Imbitioun
Wt blud of christis woundis fyif
and selit agane is þi remissioun
To ryse wt him fro deid to lyfe

ffinis

Surrexit dominus de sepulchro
The lord is rissin fra deid to lyfe agane
qui pro nobis pependit in ligno
quhilk for our synnys on þe croce wes slane
quhame to annoynt went mary magdalene
ibat maria salame cum ea
quhen godis angell thus did ansuer plane
Surrexit sicut dixit allalua

This angellis weid wes snawith in cullour
his face as fyrflacht flawmyt ferly brycht
The knychtis keparis of christis sepultour
ffell doun as deid // offerit of his licht
Quhome to behald thay had no grace nor mycht
Et terre motus est factus in Iudea
The wird of Iesew is fulfillit rycht
Surrexit sicut dixit [1] allalua

Behaldin þe brichtnes of þis angell
The magdalene and mare salamee
abasit wer in sprit as sayis þe ewangell
and stud abak // be not afferd said he
The lord is rissin quhome ȝe come to se
Ipse [2] precedit vos in gallelela [3]
To his appostillis ga tell þe verite
Surrexit *etc.*

[1] *Originally* dicut. [2] *Originally* Ippse. [3] *Sic.*

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All honour we this lord with Ioy and glory
Thanking þat mychty campioun Invincible
That wan on tre trevmphe of he victory
Syne brak þe hell*is* dungeoun most terrible
and chest þe dragonis hidous and horrible
per crucis validissima trophea
and brocht þe sawlis to joy eu*ir per*man*s*ible
Surrexit sicut dixit allalua

Page 129 Pleiſs we this lord þat did in battell byd fol. 35 *a*
for ws quhilk had non vþir bute nor beild
Quhill bludy wes his bak body and syd
He wes our mychte paviſs and our scheild
Or phebus dirknes him goddis sone reveild
[1] Sanguinea erant eius cannepea
He deit triumphand he raiſs and wan þe feild
Surrexit sicut dixit allelua

finis

Done is a battell on þe dragon blak
our campioun chryst confountet hes his force
The ȝettis of hell ar brokin with a crak
The signe trivmphall rasit is of þe croce
The diuillis tryᵐmillis wᵗ hiddouſs voce
¶ ȝoulis The saulis ar borrowit and to þe bliſs can go
Chryst wᵗ his blud our ransonis dois indoce
Surrexit d*omin*us de sepulchro

Dungin is þe deidly dragon lucifer
The crewall serpent wᵗ þe mortall stang
The auld kene tegir wᵗ [2] his teith on char
Quhilk in a wait hes lyne for ws so lang

[1] Surr *deleted.* [2] þe *deleted.*

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Thinking to grip ws in his clowſs strang
The m*er*cifull lord wald no^{t} þat it wer so
He maid him for to felȝe of þat fang
Surrexit *etc.*

He for our saik þat sufferit to be slane
And lyk a lamb in sacrifice wes dicht
Is lyk a lyone rissin vp agane
and as gyane raxit him on hicht
Sprungin is aurora radius and bricht
On loft is gone þe glorius appollo
The blisfull day de*pair*tit fro þe nycht
Surrexit

The grit victour agane is rissin on hicht
That for our querrell to þe deth wes woundit
The sone þat vox all paill now schynis bricht
And dirknes clerit our fayth is now refoundit
The knell of m*er*cy fra þe hevin Is soundit
The cristin are deliu*er*it of þair wo
The Iowis and *þair* erro^{r} ar confoundit
S *etc.*

The fo is chasit The battell is done ceiſs
The presone brokin The Ievellour*is* fleit and flemit
The weir is ġon co*n*fermit is þe peiſs
The fetteris lowsit and þe dungeoun temit
The ransoun maid The presoneris redemit
The feild is win ourcu*m*in is þe fo
Dispulit of þe tresur þat he ȝemit
Surrexit Dom*in*us de sepulchro *etc.*

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ffollowis exortationis of chryst to all synnaris
To repent thame of the same

Page 130 O man remember and prent in to thy thoᵗ fol. 35 *b*
quhat I haif done to bring thy saule to rest
The gloir of hevin I left and sett at noᵗ
And tuk mankynd thy dolour to degest
In all my lyfe rycht panefully opprest
Syne for invy þe Iowis culd me sla
rycht crewaly wᵗ malice manifest
Amend thy myſs this plaig sall paſs þe fra

Wald thow behald *per*fytly my passioun
Wᵗ hairt contreit and rew on my torment
haif thow no dout it suld be thy saluatioun
Wald thow reme*m*bir wᵗ schame as I wes schent
ffra I wes borne quhill þat my spereit wes sprent
That neuir had rest bot pyne nyᵗ and day
Quhill I but rewᵗ vpoun þe rud wes rent
Amend thy myſs this plaig sall paſs þe fra

Reme*m*bir ma*n* vpoun mont oleueit
quhen I satt þair at my deuotioun
That for the bayth blud and wattir suet
Our all my body in grit effusioun
ffor feir of deid wes lyk to suelt in swoun
Na tung can tell þe torme*n*t tene and tra
That I haif tholit for thy redemptioun
Amend *etc.*

Quhen Iudas me kist The Iowis but baid me band
Wᵗ raipis rud quhill þat þe blud brest out
hurlit as ane theif þat durst þame noᵗ ganestand
To annas houſs wᵗ þat fowll rounsy rout

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Calland me fule w^{t} mony ane cry and schout
Blerand þair ene Cryand O bubo ba
as blind feld best thay beft me all about
Amend *etc.*

To pylet than thay presentit me in haist
Be his decreit þat I suld sone be deid
Than he fur^{t}w^{t} to herod sone me chaist
becaus he had þe galianis to leid
In habeit quhyt ffor hething he me cled
In foull derisioun to him þat I come fra
Be my *prese*ns endit wes þair feid
Amend *etc.*

Than he anone dispoljeit me all bair
and I wes bund and bett both bak & syd
Thay sonjeit no^{t} to mak my sydis sair
W^{t} all þair wit thay wro^{t} me wound*is* wyd
ffra nek to heill vnhurt Thay left no hyd
fforbled and blaknit quhill I wes blak & bla
Be my ma*n*heid in wit I mycht no^{t} byd
Amend thy miſs

Page 131 In purpour habit thay cled me as ane king fol. 36 *a*
W^{t} reid in hand w^{t} grit dispyt and scorn
haill King of Iowis wes than þair salusing
blerand þair ene thay knelit me beforne
Syn thristit on ane crewall croun of thorne
Vpoun my heid and pairsit my harnis swa
That windir wes nor my lyffe wes forlorne
amend thy miſs this plaig sall paſs þe fra

Ane heuy croce þat wes bay^{t} grit and squair
Thay gart me beir to caluary on my bak

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Wt littill help thay sonȝeit not my sair
To furdir my [1] deid my fais wes ryt frak
Dispytfull wirdis betuene to me thay spak
Wes nane to help my freindis wes fled away
my face ourspittit bludy wan and blak
Amend *etc.*

Syne sett me doun quhill I wes cald agane
and ay þai dred þat I suld gett reskew
Wt all *þair* wit þai sett to get me slane
quhill I wes deid *þair* mycht no mirth þame glew
Thairfoir my deid þai scharply [2] did *þer*sew
quhen all wes dry bayth bak and syd couth fla
and raif of all my panis to renew
Amend, *etc.*

Be this wes done wt nalis lang and grit
Baith feit and handis thay nalit to þe croce
On lenth and breid as thay wer out of wit
Thay drew me lang and maid me meit of force
quhen þat wes don thay leit me fall deorſs
renewand agane my pane fra top to ta
That all my vanis and sennonis wer devorſs
Amend *etc.*

ffor grit dispyt vpone mont caluary
To wondir on as I had bene ane theif
I [3] hang on croce þat all þe warld myt se
betuene twa theifis as I had done mischeif
Thow did þe deid thow myt mak no releif
grit schame I sufferit þe mendis for to ma
Blasphemit I wes wt sorrow and repreif
Amend *etc.*

[1] fais *deleted.* [2] r *interlined.* [3] wald *deleted.*

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ffor grit dispyt vpoun mont caluary
Als lang als lyfe wes left my corſs w^t^in
Thay tyrit no^t^ to do me tene & tray
W^t^ ane scherp speir thay tho^t^ it wes no sin
To perſs my harte q^ll^ all ra*n* on þe grene
Syne gaif me to drink bittir gall betuene
Syne gafe þe gaist my baner can displa
oursett þe diuill and all his werk*is* but vene
Ame*n*d *etc.*

Page 132 O ma*n* unme*r*cifull quhat is w^t^in þi mynd fol. 36 *b*
Seand quhat pane I sufferit for his saik
That is to me vnthankfull and vnkynd
quhilk is þi makar and maid the as thy maik
To se þe schent my sorrow may no^t^ slaik
Thow suffers no^t^ my torme*n*t and my wa
Agane my will thy weill gois all to wraik
Ame*n*d *etc.*

Thow hes grit caus to murne and no^t^ to sing
ffor thy misdeid þat cairis for no syn
Thow lykis in lust & ryalte to ring
having no dreid how lang to ly þair*in*
3it thow presomes eternall bliſs to win
Thow art begyld & thow trow it be sa
Confeſs in tyme and of þi malice blin
Ame*n*d *etc.*

Do thow no^t^ this presome no^t^ to haif lyif
Iustice ma*n* punyſs the syn quhair euir it be
Into þis warld wes neuir syn moir ryif
And nane to pvnyſs þe grit Iniquite
That now abound*is* in he & law degre
Iustice will no^t^ That sin vnpvnist ga
Suppois þat I of synnaris haif pete
Ame*n*d *etc.*

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Thow Irkis no^{t} to serue thy Innemy
That ill reuardis his seruand at þe end
My law w^{t} the is lychleit and laid by
Thow takis no^{t} keip þi makar to offend
off all þi malice þat may þe weill amend
Bo^{t} tho^{t} and deid thow pleisis weill thy fa
And in my [1] seruice [2] listis no^{t} thy tyme expend
Amend thy lyfe This plaig sall paſs þe fra

Wolupteouſs lyif quhy thinkis thow [3] so weill
The quhilk sall end w^{t} sorrow and w^{t} pane
That þe begylis and may no^{t} help a deill
To thy tinsall it schawis bot a trane
Throw sensuall lust thy saule may sone be slane
resist in tyme to syn be euir thra
Schort is þe Ioy þe pane will ay remane
Amend *etc.*

Quhy haitis thow me þat luvis þe o^{r} all thing
That I þe lufe The deid now may be schawin
Off all my workis thow hes þe gouerning
And be thy deid thy lufrent may be knawin
I lyk it no^{t} þat thow suld be ourthrawin
And sched my blud thy ransone for to pa
Page 133 And maid the fre off det that thow wes awin fol. 37 *a*
[4] Amend thy miſs [4] This plaig sall paſs the fra

Quhat sall I say thow vnkynd but weir
Vntrew vnthankfull vnto thy Creatore
That the hes bocht w^{t} my hairt bluid so deir
quhair haif I feilit or done to the Iniure
To win thy luve I haif done all my cure
Leive thy evill lyfe and leif vpoun my lay
And thow sall neid non vþir procureur
Amend thy miſs this plaig sall paſs the fray

[1] thy *deleted, and* my *interlined.* [2] thow *deleted.* [3] *Interlined.*
[4–4] *On margin.*

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Haif m*er*cy lord our error we deploir
We grant our gilt submittand ws to grace
Latt no^{t} this deid but pietie ws devoir
Quhair we haif failit to the o lord allace
We sall a*m*mend and thow will grant ws pece
Haif m*er*cy lord Haif m*er*cy we the pray
Thow fruct vnfyld Thow farest floure of face
Beseik Oure god this plaig to put ws fray

ffinis q Stewart

To the hie potent blisfull trinitie
That in ane godheid egall regnis abone
Be gloir and lawid in coeternitie
ffra hevin to erd w^{t} song & sweit entone
The sone is cum fra the hie fader in trone
And tane oure kynd At this trivmphall fest
Vpone the dragone a battell for to done
A Sumo celo egressio eius est

The virgy*n*is wamb be glorifeit and blist
That bure our michty saluio^{r} missias
Oure campioun chryst that to ꝑe feild him drest
Moir strong tha*n* hector / sampsone or golias
That lucifer cheist and all his allias
And all the feyndis affreyit most and lest
Surrexit Gigas ad currendum vias
A Su*m*mo celo egressio eius est

Page 134 In sole posuit tabernaculum suu*m* fol. 37 *b*
And as a spous of chalmer did proceid
This campioun kene in oure reskorſs did cum
Swiftar nor dyane [1] throw all the hevy*n*is on breid

[1] fr *deleted.*

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Moir velȝeant nor marſs vpoun his steid
Moir fresche nor phebus rysand in the est
Mor terrible eik nor saturne for to dreid
A Sum*m*o celo egressio eius est

This wicht invinsible and victorius king
Quhois bricht plaitis attoure all Iuda schone
But vanegard / reirgard / scaill / or ony wing
His velȝeand body to battell gaif allone
Aganis all mortall and Immortall fone
Having no dreid of dethis scherp arreist
ffor cauſs of ws he gart the dragone grone
A Sum*m*o celo egressio eius est

Glaidith ȝe sterris and hevinly spheiris
Signis / and ple*n*neitis that wer in his passage
ffor he the michtie lord that ȝow all steiris
Throw ȝour bricht regionis Maid his blist veyage
Glaid ȝe o man maid eftir his Image
ffor quhois saik he willingly but request
stervit on rude w^{t} deidly pale visage
A Sum*m*o celo egressio eius est

ffinis *etc.*

O man vnthankfull to thy creator
Behald the gift of nature and of grace
Sa weill for the as god hes done his cure
To win thy luve in mony sindry cace
That blissit prince Is blyith the to Imbrace
W^{t} all his hairt / wald thow w^{t} him accord
That leivis the nocht quhill syn he fra the chace
Quhy art thow man vntha*n*kfull to thy lord

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Behald of awld quhat kyndnes he hes wrocht
That the deliu*er*t of Egiptis servitude
Page 135 Quhair thow was neir to thy confusioun brocht fol. 38 *a*
thair but his help thow had bene destitute
of all thy bliſs he is baith crope and rute
Misknaw thow him thow sall pay trewly ford
Keip thow co*m*mand thow salbe blist but bute
Quhy art thow man vntha*n*kfull to thy lord

Behald how riche arrayit is the erd
To thy vphald in habeit plenteus
ȝeildand the fruct as anse*r*is to þe querd
Cawsit be god be wirking ma*r*vellus
Suppois thow be to him contrarius
He schawis gud will thy conscience to remord
Sa potent to puneiſs sa littill rigorus
Quhy art thow ma*n* vntha*n*kfull to thy lord

All that he maid wes subiect ma*n* to the
Baith hevin and erd he formit for thy cauſs
And ordanit all at thy co*m*mand to be
And thow to be obeysand to his lawis
Bot now allace sa far fra faith thow fawis
Be deidly syn to castin grit discord
The maist / the leist / Throw wicketnes ourthrawis
Quhy art *etc.*

ȝit nevir the leſs ma*n*kynd he hes him tane
Sufferring grit schame / and panefully opprest
W^t^ Iowis / being scrugit bay^t^ bak and bane
Crownit w^t^ thornis for skorne w^t^owttin rest
Hurlit lyk a theif to calvary in hest
Vpoun ane croce he the to grace restoird
Nalit þai*r*on Blasphemit as ane beist
Quhy *etc.*

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Repent thy sinfull lyfe And the a*m*mend
ffra thynefurth se thow cuvat no ma*n*is geir
And now in tyme I mak it to the kend
thair is no cryme bot thow mone it forbeir
And thow be saif fra furius feind*is* seir
Or v*pir*wayis in smoke thow salbe smord
In hellis pane in wofull wa & weir
Be thow aganis thy gratius tha*n*kfull lord

ffinis

Page 136 Chryist crownit king and conquerour [1] fol. 38 *b*
Makar of all martir and remeid
Salwe of all sair and sweit succour
Howp of all haill and help at all neid
Saif ws synnaris of adames seid
Defend and fre ws frome oure fo
Thow lord to all that leivis on leid
Iesu nostra redemptio

Thow wit / thow well of all m*er*cy
Grantar and gevar of all grace
In the our trest is most trewly
That we may speid Spend on ws space
To get of our gilt forgifneſs
and our misdeid*is* boith all and sum
Thow virgins fruct fairest of face
Amor et desiderium

Iesu our luve and our delyt
Our lust our lyking till allow
This warld may not thy wirschep wryt
To quhois bidding all thing mon bow

[1] *In the MS. Table of Contents* Emprior.

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that wes Or salbe Or is now
The firmament the feild and flum
Quhy sowld thay not gif bliſs to ȝow
Deus Creator Omnium

Thow michtie makar of all thing
But vder as confermis the creid
Incomperable baith knycht and king
Most royall roy that we of reid
To do ws fra the dulfull deid
Thow borne was of ane birdis bosum
Quhen we sowld spill thow gart ws speid
Homo in fine temporum

Neir warld*is* End thow was mane maid
Consauit but mans seid or syn
Thocht thow be lichtit in so law a bed
Thy maiesty was nocht to myn
Page 137 Thow wald be comptit of our kin fol. 39 *a*
To win ws all [1] to weill fra wa
To tell thair can no tung begin
que te vicit Clementia

Quhat petie was that the compellit
To tak mankynd and mak ws fre
Ane theolog me trewly tellit
Sayand the cheif was cheretie
Gart the discend for ws to die
And for our saik thy will was sa
to tak the sic humilitie
Vt ferres nostra crimina

To beir our syn thow thocht it sweit
and sufferit for our salvatioun

[1] fra *deleted.*

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War it vndone thow wald doid ȝeit
Sic was thy awin affectioun
Quhat mycht be moir affectioun
Than thoill sic angir for our offens
Thow in thy peirles passioun
Crudelem mortem patiens

Thow dampnit was to crewall deid
To lowiſs fra lucifer that was lorne
Our all thy body ran strems reid
On thy heid thristit ane ane [1] croun of thorne
Thow was skurgit wt skrech and scorne
Sic panis thow previt to procur ws peſs
Wt ane scharp speir thy syd was schorne
Vt nos a morte tolleres

Evir Endles deid fra ws to do
Thow was beft bludy bair as beist
Lord len ws lasar lyf and space
Owt of this warld Or þat we wend
and grant ws gratiously thy grace
That we our misdeidis may amend
And frome þe diuill our sawlis diffend
quha wachis evir the same to sla
Conducting ws to Ioy but End
In sempiterna secula

ffinis

Page 138 Eternall king that sittis in hevin so hie fol. 39 b
And clymmith vp the cluddis schynyng licht
As ȝepherus wt bemis in the skie

[1] *Sic.*

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The Leaird of wärridstoun John Findlay Janny

Quhilk Illumynis the ruddy sterris bricht
O vnigeneit sone to god of micht
All thing creat having in libertie
Ws grant that we may sing wt hairt vprycht
This ympne Eterne rex altissime

Excelland michtie and Immensurable
O gratious god most souerane lord & [1] king
Quhilk in thy lusty palyce most delectable
Abone Saturnus thow sittis eternaling
Distill the balme of thy mercy ding
As thow art one wt two in vnitie
Sa þat we ma amang thy Ioyis ring
Wt the eterne rex altissime

anno vf

O Increat O godis sone of micht
And eik carnat all of a virgin schene
As throw the glaſs dois phebus schyne so bricht
Scho bure hir birth remani*n*g virgyn clene
[2] And eik the cristall hevinis all bedene
Ascending vp the trone standing so hie
Wt me*r*cy on ws wretchit synnaris mene
O thow *etc.*

[3]

O thow eterne rex altissime
On quhome this warld alhaill now dois depend
Doun frome thy self vt primu*m* mobile
Cowth prevelie wtin the comprehend
That in thy souerane Ioy [4] wtowttin end
Thow grant thy gratious visage we may sie
And all trespaſs *per*fytly to amend
To the eterne rex altissime

ffinis

[1] g *deleted.* [2] Scho *deleted.*
[3] *A stanza omitted here which is in the Draft MS.*
[4] thow comprehend *deleted.*

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Quhen be devyne deliberatioun
Off personis thre in a godheid yfeir
Page 139 The grit message and hie legatioun fol. 40 *a* Nurs
Wes send vnto the blissit lady deir
Be gabriell scho being in hir prayeir
Asking of god as profeitis dois expreme nu
To send the sone that sowld the warld redeme

The angell to the virgin is removit findlay
And to Marie he said on this maneir
Haill full of grace derrest and best belovit
God is with the To him thou art most deir
Most pretious and principall but peir
Thow sweit fructtre and well of sanetie
god will of the tak his humanitie John

The virgin wynderit of that hie message
And was abaisit in hir humill spreit
On to the Angell having this langage
With sobir mynd and wordis verry sweit
As scho þat was of grace full repleit
how may this be I sowld consave a chyld
I knaw no man My madinheid is vnfyild

Be nocht *per*turbat in ȝour aduertance
ȝour benyng Eir vnto my voice Inclyne
The faderis power / The sonis sapience
The vertew of the holie gaist devyne
Within thy wame sall obvmbir and schyne
Thow sall consaif Baith clene in deid and thocht
Him that the maid and all this warld of nocht

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All creatouris on kneis fall ȝe doun
Consent virgin vnto this hie message
Quhairby followis the redemptioun
Of abrahame and all his haill ly*n*nage
Thow word may now infernall folk dischairge
Page 140 The faderis Eik that dirknes dois inhanſs fol. 40 *b*
With wofull adame weiping in pe*n*nanſs

This glorius lady and virgin celestiall
As god sa wald his prophecie fulfill
Remmembring eik the weilfair of ws all
Lo heir scho said god*is* humill ancill
Be it to me eftir thy word and will
And be scho had hir wordis thus expremit
Consauit was hie that all the world redemit

Thow moyses busk remanyng vncombust
Quhilk was fair signe of thy virginitie
Refrene ws fra all warldlie fleschlie lust
No thing to Ioy bot in thy sone and the
And gif ws grace that hour quhen we sowld dee
Be thy fair fruct That place in hevin to win
That Ordanit was for Adame and all his kin

ffinis

Letteris of gold writtin I fand
In till a buik wes fair to reid
The sentence plane till vndirstand
Thairfoir till it I tuik gud heid
With havy hairt and meckle dreid [1]

[1] *These five lines have been stroked through. They appear in their proper place on fol.* 50 *b*, *p.* 127.

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Page 141 fol. 41 *a*

O Lord my god on quhome I do depend
Thow þat hes evir bene my help and gyd
And daylie dois frome denger me defend
Grant me in the fermlie for to confyd
Suffer me nocht Throwt slewtfulnes to slyd
Bot grant me grace boith Now and evirmoir
To randir the most humill thankis thairfoir

A parfyt luve gud lord grant vnto me
With humill hairt to gif the praysis still
feiring for till offend thy maiestie
Bot daylie to Obey thyne holy will
Be my defens frome that thing that is ill
And for thy onlie trewth and promeiſs saik
gif Eir and heir the prayar that I maik

Grant me thy grace to gyd me vprichtlie
Mak me thyne holy preceptis for to knaw
Lett thy co*mm*andimentis so governe me
To do to every ane the thing I aw
Instruct me lord in thy most blissit law
Maik me nocht our desyrus for to haif
Bot ay to rander as I wold ressafe

ffor of ane maſs thow hes ws formit all
And of the clay thow creat every wicht
And to the erth schortly returne we sall
Nocht knawing quhen nor quhair be day or nicht
Sen all þat leivis ar synnaris in thy sicht
Oure confort / Ioy / and our felicitie
Consistis only in thy grit marcye

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Body and sawill I humly recommend
Into the handis of the my god allone
Page 142 As thow hes evir done in tymes bygone fol. 41 *b*
Harkin vnto my petouſs plaint and mone
And gif me patiens to abyd thy will
With perfyt hairt to gif the prayissis still

ffinis

O creaturis creat of me ȝour creator
To my liknes wrocht be my providence
Quhy felȝie faith Quhy fall ȝe in error
Evir quhair ȝe syn throw follyth [1] negligence
Sen I proffer ay to be ȝor deffence
ȝe mankynd quhy tak ȝe not now na heid
My will war Thocht thow did offence
Thow sowld me not mistrest for thy misdeid

Thow sleipis in syn fra ȝeir to ȝeir
fro day to day thow will not ryiſs
Bot quhen thow feilis the deth is neir
Than begynnis thow for till aggryiſs
Than sayis thow mercy will not suffyiſs
Thocht I it ask it will nocht speid
Thow wreche quhy will the me dispryiſs
Mistrest me nevir for thy misdeid

Gif thow fallis throw thy brukilnes
Cast vp thy heid behald the hevin
Think on the pane & grit distreſs
I sufferit for the in myld stevin
Call vpoun me baith Morne & evin
And thow sall find me reddy at neid
Haif cheretie And luve thy nytbouris evin
And nocht mistrest for thy misdeid

[1] Ignorance *deleted.*

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Do this and trest thy sy*n*nis be forgeif
ffor trest sall cauſs redemptioun
Dispair thow not how evir thow leif
Marcy is in my faderis possessioun
Cleme it for heretage þat is ressoun
And thow sall haif it to thy neid
Aganis the devillis strang temptatioun
Mistrest me nevir *etc.*

Page 143 I bid the ask for grant I wald fol. 42 *a*
I bid the serche among the laif
I bid the trest to mak the bald
Ask of thy bruþir and thow sall haif
Vnkynd thow art me to dissaif
De*n*ny I will not the albeid
that thow a fute war neir the graif
ȝit nocht mistrest for thy misdeid

I am thy bruþir and sittis in trone
Thow leidis thy lyfe vndir my feit
Wappit in misdeidis mony one
I mycht smot of quhair I the treit
Bot I thold sic panis greit
to saif thy sawll / wald thow tvik heid
Behold my woundis of rewth repleit
And nevir Mistrest *etc.*

I wald no^{t} force to die agane
And ane drop m*e*rcy war fundin dry
It is full sweit to suffer pane
To saive ane sawill eternaly
And I haif micht will and maistry
Ane kingis word sall stand in steid
Quhy fleis thow than for thy folly
Mistrest *etc.*

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It grevit me moir that Caen mistrest
the keling of abell þat was so gude
And moir displeisd me þat Iudas / lest
No mercy craif / me selling to þe rude
To pylat & herod þat war so wude
my mercy wald I nevir forbeid
than withstand not As thay withstude
Man mistrest nevir *etc.*

Cum to my croce and sie ane theif
for onis his asking gat him grace
Page 144 Se pawle þat did me mekle grief fol. 42b
how wirthy appostill he eftir waſs
Se mary Magdalene for hir trespaſs
And petir forsuk me thryiſs for dreid.
Now be thay worthy in hevnis place
Than mistrest not *etc.*

My moder knelit vnto me
and mvrnit for me þat was in cair
And to my fader I knelit for the
And schew my body and woundis bair
Than quho may stop my mercy thair
gif deth war neidfull ȝit sowld thow speid
In weill or wo quhair evir thow fair
mistrest me not for thy misdeid

Quhat neid the now for to dispair
And hes sic freindis for the to speik
My fader is thyne Thow art his Air
I am thy broder quho can it breik
My modir Is thyne that is so meik
I will the help quhen thow hes neid
Thy luve fra me quhy wald thow steik
Mistrest *etc.*

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Quhat lyikis the now quhat will thow moir
gif thow hes neid heir Is succour
Gife thow be neidles tell me befoir
I see thy governance in every hour
Thow dwellis in presone heir is thy boure
Cum hame againe Tak thair thy meid
Celestiall bliß of hie honour
And mistrest not for thy misdeid

ffinis q ledgait monk of bery

Page 145 fol. 43 *a*

Heir endis the first pairt of this buke

Contenand ballatis of theoligie

Page 146 fol. 43 *b*

followis the Secound Pairt of this
buk conteneand verry singular ballatis
full of wisdome and moralitie *etc.*

Tu viuendo bonos / scribendo sequare peritos

Wit

The grittest tresour wtowt comparison
for mans felicitie heir in this lyfe
Aboif gold and siluer Is wit and discretion
To tempir the Ioyfull And confort the pensyfe
Or vþir wayis to instruct man in peice or stryif
Wit alsa is Incressit be wyiß workis reiding
And lyk the fructles tre Is wit but gud doing
etc.

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Page 147 Et citera fol. 44 *a*

furth throw ane forrest as I fure
Attour ane rever cow[t] I ryd
All kynd of bird*is* þat body bure
Vpoun tha bre*n*chis could abyd
Than spak ane bird hard me besyd
for ony thing þat evir may be
Thir wird*is* in [1] hairt se þat thow hyd
In alkyn mater mesure the

first luve thy god attour all thing
That maid the lyk to his [2] Image
and syne the ordand in hevin to ring
but end to haif þat heretage
Till adame throw his grit outtrage
Maid ws to licht this is no le
Law in to hell in grit thirlelege
In alkyn mat*er* mesur the

Sen god hes ransonit all at richt
out of þe feind*is* handis of hell
chryst wes born of þe virgyn bricht
So said sanct Iohine in his wangell
Syne deid and raiß and herreit hell
And fred ma*n*kynd and [3] maid him fre
Sen it is trew þat I the tell
In alkyn *etc.*

3it sall he cum on [4] domisday
and deme our deid*is* dout 3e no[t]
Sum to pane and sum to pley
Eftir þe werk*is* þat we haif wrocht

[1] thy *deleted.* [2] visage *deleted.* [3] he *deleted.* [4] day *deleted.*

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fra baill to bliſs sen he hes bocht
and denȝeit him self for ws to de
We lufe him baith in deid and thot
In *etc.*

Mesure is ane instrument
decernis thingis þat is in weir
quha þat to mesure takkis tent
To tell his tretiſs wer full teir
Leit at my lair gif thow will leir
The gait quhair glaidnes is and gle
Sen he may help baith thair & heir
In *etc.*

Be not ourskerſs nor ȝit our lerge
gif thow will leir sone at my lair
for thow hes a full havy chairge
Bot gif thow wysly spend and spair
Page 148 Tak mesur wt the evir mair fol. 44 *b*
Se thow na wreche nor waistour be
Sen heir is not bot [1] fenȝeit fair
In alkyn mat*er*is mesur the

Be not our mad attour mesure
nor ȝit our meik in thy moving
Be not our rad for no dreddure
Nor ȝit our derf in thy doing
As cato sayis in his teiching
In al [2] thingis knaw þe quantetie
as all tyme askis of every thing
In *etc.*

Do for thy freind as it effeiris
chaistyn thy s*er*wand wt mesure

[1] ar *deleted.* [2] kyn *deleted.*

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Reward thow as ꝑe cauſs requyris
Thy maister wirschep and honour
To pure and seik gif thow succour
Thy Nyᵗbour lufe in cheritie
Thy weddit wyf lufe *par*amour
In *etc.*

Wᵗ mesure suld we walk and sleip
Wᵗ mesure suld we spend and spair
Wᵗ mesur suld we gaddir and keip
Wᵗ mesur suld thow leif evirmair
Wᵗ mesur suld we lufe and fair
Wᵗ mesur suld we serch and fle
Sen mesur is most singulair
In *etc.*

Thoᵗ a man be keip in presone
Be noᵗ our *per*te him to suppryſs
oft tymis Thow may se be ressone
A ma*n* may fall and rycht vpryſs
Thow art noᵗ sicker on na kin waiſs
The siclyk caiſs thy awin may be
That sample may be sene oft syiſs
In *etc.*

Mesure stanchis sturtis and stryvis
It is a rewll of grit wysneſs
It garris ressoun ring and ryſs
And exylis wrang [1] and wicket distreſs
quhair me*n* dreid*is* it is doutleſs
The suthfastneſs it garris thame se
Sen it is gru*n*d till all glaidneſs
In *etc.*

[1] wrangus *originally*, us *deleted.*

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Mesure is a ticht castell
Ane haisty cauſs of repentance
Be war for war ffor wit ȝe weill
Off evill tungis cu*m*is ignorance
be no[t] our dum for no distance
Nor our mirthfull for maiestie
Cast baill and bliſs in a ballance
In *etc.*

Page 149 ffra pryd and cuvatice the keip fol. 45 *a*
fra wicket yre and fra Invy
In deidly syn se thow nocht sleip
In lichery Nor glottony
Nor in sweirnes for wat thow quhy
Thir ar the sevin grathis the to die
And slayis thy sawll Eternaly
In alkin mater mesur the

Aganis pryd Tak thow lawlines
And cheretie Aganis invy
Aganis yre also tak meikneſs
And chestetie for lichory
for sweirnes and for gluttony
Tak abstinens and And [1] vertewis be
for covetyce gife liberally
In alkin materis mesur the

I prayit that bird of patience
quhat that scho was Or of quhat kynd
Scho said to me dame conscience
That oft remme*m*beris ma*n*is mynd
Sen chryst the coft be to him kynd
That maid this warld verralie
Thow clenge the clene Or thow hyne wend
In alkyn materis mesur the

ffinis *etc.*

[1] *Sic.*

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The prollog of the nynt buk of virgell
In co*mm*endatioun of vertew

Thir lusty versis of he nobilite
Agilite / did wryt of lusty clerkis
And *þatr*on markis / wisdome / vtilitie
Na vilite / No sic vnworthy werkis
Scurrilite / Is bot for doggis þat barkis
Quhay thairto harkis fallis in fragilite

Page 150 Honestie is the way to wirthineſs fol. 45 *b*
Vertew dowtles / the *perf*yt gait to bliſs
Thow do no miſs / And eschew ydilnes
Persew proves / hold no thing that is his
Be not rakles / To say sone I wiſs
And of this / The contrair wirk expreſs

Do to ilk wicht As done to thow wold be
Be nevir sle / and dowble nor ȝit ouir licht
Vse not thy micht / aboif thyne awin degre
Clym not ouir hie / Nor ȝit ouir law to licht
Wirk no mawgre / Thocht thow be nevir so licht
hold w*t* þe richt and
preiſs the nevir to lie

ffinis q gawyn dowglaſs

Quhylome in grece that nobill regioun
Thair dwelt awcht clerkis of grit science Sapient*ium* octavus quis
Philosophouris of nobill discretioun
At thame was askit to preif thair prowdence
Aucht questionis of mirk Intelligence
The quhilk they anſerit Eftir thair Intent
In siclyk wayis As heir is subsequent

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The first questioun was Quhat erdly thing
Is best to god And maist co*mm*endable
The first clerk answerit w*t*owttin tareing
A manis sawill evir firme and stabill
In richt ffra trewith nathing vareable
Bot now allace sair may we weip
ffor cuvatice hes brocht trewth on sleip

The secound was quhat is maist odious
A dowble man said the philosophour
With virgin face and taill vennemous
W*t* ane fair wow And Ane fals persour
Page 151 Ane stinkand carioun in ane goldin coffour fol. 46 *a*
It is ane monstour in Natoris lenage
A man to haif ane dowbill visage

The thrid thing was quhilk is the best doar
That may be till a wyfe appropriat
A clene lyfe was the clerkis ans*er*
Vnreprovit chest and Immaculat
W*t*owt signe Takin Or speiche Inordinat
Or evill countenance quhilk is to dispyse
No fyre mak And so smuke will ryse

The ferd questioun Is quhat madin may
be callit clene and full of chestitie
The clerk answerit and said Off hir alway
All creaturis reportis grit honestie
Quhairof all folk eschamit is to lie
And thairfoir madynis keip ȝour gud name furth
And re*mm*member ȝour gud name is gold wurth

The fyift questioun Quha is riche but frawd
the man quho can of his gud him suffyiß

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Quhat evir he haif He gevis god the lawd
He covettis nothing in vngodlie wyiſs
His hairt devoyid is of all covetyiſs
His body heir his spreit is all abuve
This man Is riche ffor god dois him lwe

The sext [1] Quha is ane peur man evir in wo
A covettouſs man withowt discretioun
That in his hairt nevir can haif ho
The moir gude The leſs distributioun
The richer Ay The warſs of conditioun
Men [2] commonly callis him ane nigart
Sir gy brybour Is his cheif stewart

Quhilk Is ane wyisman Is the sevint questioun
Page 152 [3] He þat will nocht and may do mekle noyance fol. 46 b
Quha that may pvneiſs and levis punitioun
A mensurable man And withowt vengeance
Ane wyisman Put this in remmembrance
Sayand Had I vengit all my harme
My cloik had nocht me furrit [4] half so warme

Quhilk is ane fule That is the last demand
He þat wald hurt and hes no power
Had he grit micht he wold mekle command
In malice grit His micht not worth a peir
He thristis fast bot littill may he deir
He thinkis not how wysmen said beforne
God sendis a thrawart cow a schort horne

ffinis q chawseir

[1] is *deleted.* [2] cal *deleted.*
[3] *On the left margin* fin *is written twice, and the inlay cuts the letter* f *several times.* [4] al *deleted.*

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Allone as I went vp and doun
in ane abbay was fair to se
Thinkand quhat consolatioun
Was best in to adwersitie
On caiſs I kest on syd myne E
And saw this writtin vpoun a wall
off quhat estait man that thow be
Obey and thank thy god of all

Thy kindome and thy grit empyre
Thy ryaltie nor riche array
Sall nocht endeur at thy desyre
Bot as the wind will wend away
Thy gold and all thy gudis gay
quhen fortoun list will fra the fall
Sen throw sic sampillis seis ilk day
Obey and thank thy god of all

Page 153 Iob wes maist riche in writ we find fol. 47 *a*
Thobe maist full of cheritie
Iob woux pure and thobe blynd
Bath tempit w^t^ aduersitie
Sen blindnes wes infirmitie
And pouerty wes naturall
Thairfoir rycht patiently bath he and he
Obeyid [1] and thankit god of all

Tho^t^ thow be blind or haif ane halt
Or in thy face deformit ill
Sa it cum no^t^ throw thy defalt
Na man suld the repreif by skill
Blame no^t^ thy lord sa is his will
Spurn no^t^ thy fute aganis ȝe wall
Bot w^t^ meik hairt and prayer still
Obey *etc.*

[1] *Originally* Obeyit.

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God of his iustice mon correct
and of his m*er*cy petie haif
he is ane Iuge to nane suspect
To puneiſs synfull ma*n* and saif
Tho^{t} thow be lord attour the laif
and eftirwart maid bound and thrall
Ane pure begger w^{t} skrip and staif
Obey *etc.*

This changeing and grit variance
Off erdly staitis vp and doun
Is no^{t} bot causualitie and chance
As sum me*n* sayis w^{t}out ressoun
Bot be ꝑe grit prouisioun
of god aboif ꝑat rewll the sall
Thairfoir evir thow mak the boun
To obey *etc.*

In welth be meik heich no^{t} thy self
be glaid in wilfull pouertie
Thy power and thy warld*is* pelf
Is no^{t} bot verry vanitie
Reme*m*ber him ꝑat deit on tre
ffor thy saik taistit ꝑe bittir gall
quha heis law hairtis and lawis he
Obey and thank thy god of all

ffinis q $\overline{\text{Mr}}$ ro^{t} Henrysone

Memento homo quod cinis Eſs
Think ma*n* thow art bot erd and aſs
Lang heir to dwell na thing thow preſs
for as thow come sa sall thow paſs

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Lyk as ane schaddow in ane glaſs
Page 154 Hyne glydis all thy tyme þat heir is fol. 47 *b*
Think thocht thy bodye ware of braſs
Quod tu in cinerem reuerteris

Worthye Hector and Hercules
fforcye achill and strong sampsone
Alexander of grit nobilnes
Meik dauid / and fair absolone
Hes playit þair pairtis / and all are gone
At will of god that all thing steiris
Think man exceptioun þair is none
Sed tu in cinerem reuerteris

Thocht now thow be maist glaid of cheir
ffairest and plesandest of port
ȝit may thow be within ane ȝeir
Ane vgsum vglye tramort
And sen þow knawis thy tyme is schort
And in all houre thy lyfe in weir is
Think man amang all vthir sport
Quod Tu in cinerem reuerteris

Thy lustye bewte and thy ȝouth
Sall feid as dois the somer flouris
Syne sall þe swallow with his mouth
The dragone death [1]that all devouris[1]
No castell sall þe keip nor touris
Bot he sall seik þe with thy feiris
Thairfore remembir at all houris
Quod tu in cinerem reuerteris

Thocht all þis warld thow did posseid
Nocht eftir death / thow sall posseſſ

[1–1] *In a different and later hand.*

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Nor with þe tak / Bot thy guid deid
Quhen thow dois fro þis warld þe dreſs
So speid the man and þe confeſs
With humill hart and sobir teiris
And sadlye in thy hart inpreſs
Quod tu in cinerem reuerteris

Thocht þow be taklit nevir so sure
Thow sall in deathis port arryve
Quhair nocht for tempest may indure
Bot ferslye all to speiris [1]
Thy ransonner with woundis fyve
Mak thy plycht anker / and thy steiris
To hald thy saule with him on Lyve
Cum tu in cinerem reuerteris

ffinis q dumbar

Page 155 O mortall man remembir nycht and day fol. 48 *a*
How schort the tyme is þt thow hes heir to spend
remember eik thy pompeouſs he array
how suddanly it sall tak ane fynall end
Cast the thairfoir mispendit tyme to mend
quhill thow hes space thow of thy foly ceſs
Leif thy trespaſs thy god dreid till offend
Memento homo q Cinis Eſs

Remembir man how noble thow art wrocht
Vnto the similitud of god*is* Image
remembir als how deir he hes the bocht
Wt his hairt blude & wt non vder wage
remembir als the strang & he vaslage
he did for the to bring thy saule to peiſs
For schame *þair*foir stynt of thy foly rege
Memento *etc.*

[1] [*dryve*] *in Hunterian Club edition.*

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Gife thow wt syn hes done thy saule forfair
behald thy consciens wt thy sprituall E
and gif thow fyndis it hurt and woundit sair
Cast for remeid or dowtleſs it will de
Thairfoir in tyme Ceiſs sensualite
Call on thy lord most peirleſs of proveſs
off micht & power mercy and pece
Memento *etc.*

Thy licherows lyf bot and thy wantouneſs
bot gif tho mend quhill thow hes tyme & space
Sall turne in eternall bittirneſs
fra deid cum to and lay on the his mace
eftir that rest thair is no rest allace
Tak heid in tyme this ressoun is no leſs
Thairfoir but latt I pray the purcheſs grace
Memento *etc.*

Gife thow mispendit hes thy tyme bipast
Throw ȝewthis rege wt fruster vane plesans
return agane haif houp be not agast
quhen every man of chrystis allegance
forthinkis thair syn and takis thame to pennans
To be of mair *per*fectioun suld thay preſs
repent *pair*foir wt haill deliuerans
Memento *etc.*

Confeſs thy synnis wt hairt and mynd contreit
Compleit thy pennans gevin by the prechour
Than dowt thow not the diuillis dynt a myte
Thow art the sone than of our saluiour
Quhilk sched his precius blud for the in stour
Thus may thow not bot gif thow wilt *per*reiſs
he is sa gracius evir aboif mesour
Memento homo q cinis Eſs

q Lichtoun monicus

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Page 156 Off lentren in the first mornyng fol. 48 *b*
Airly as did ꝑe day vp spring
Thus sang ane bird w^{t} voce vpplane
All erdly Ioy returnis in pane

O ma*n* haif mynd ꝑat thow mon paſs
reme*m*bir ꝑ^{t} thow art bot aſs
And sall in aſs return agane
All erdly *etc.*

Haif mynd ꝑat eild ay followis ȝow^{t}
Deth followis lyfe w^{t} gaipand mowth
Devoring fruct and flowring grane
All erdly joy returnis in pane

Welth wardly gloir and riche array
ar all bot thornis laid In thy way
ourcowerd w^{t} flouris laid in ane trane
All *etc.*

Come nevir ȝit may so fresche and grene
Bot Ianuar come als wod and kene
Wes nevir sic drowth bot Anis come rane
All *etc.*

Evirmair vnto this warld*is* Ioy
As nerrest air succeid*is* noy
ꝑair*f*oir quhe*n* joy ma no^{t} remane
his verry air succeid*is* pane

heir helth returnis in seikneſs
& mirth returnis in havineſs
Toun in desert forrest in plane
All *etc.*

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ffredome returnis in wrechitneſs
& trew^{t} returnis in dowbilneſs
W^{t} fen3eit wird*is* to mak me*n* fane
All *etc.*

Vertew returnis in to vyce
[1]and hono^{r} in to avaryce[1]
W^{t} cuvatyce is consciens slane
All *etc.*

Sen erdly Ioy abyd*is* nevir
Wirk for þe Ioy þat lestis evir
ffor vder Ioy is all bot vane
All erdly Ioy returnis in pane

q dumbar

Doun by ane rever as I red
outthrow a forrest that wes fair
Thynkand how þat this warld wes maid
Sa suddanly away we fair
That kingis and lord*is* sall haif no mair
fra tyme þat he be bund on beir
Thus spak a fowll I 3ow declair
Do for thy self quhill thow art heir

Page 157 I marvellit quhat that bird sowld be fol. 49
that wes so fair w^{t} fedderis gent
scho bowind hir nocht to fle fra me
Bot satt and tald me hir Intent
Off thy misdeid*is* thow the repent
And of thy synnys confeſs the cleir
ffor deid he hes his bow ay bent
Do for thy self quhill thow art heir

[1–1] *On margin.*

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ffra he begyn to schute his schot
Thow wat nocht quhe*n* that it will licht
He spairis the nocht in schip nor bot
In coive Nor craig Na castell wicht
Bot as the sone that schynis bricht
Owtthrw^{t} the glaſs That is so cleir
To lenth thy lyfe thow hes no Micht
Do for thy self quhill thow art heir

Give ony man his lyfe micht lenth
I wat it had bene salamone
Of all wisdome he had the strenth
He knew the vertew of Erb and stone
He cowld nocht for him self dispone
Attoure his dait to leif a ȝeir
Ane wysar wicht was never none
Do for thy self quhill thow art heir

Quhairto sowld I thir sampillis say
Thow hes sene mo than I can tell
Off lord*is* in to this land *per*ſay
Sum wyse sum wicht sum forſs sum fell
Thay dowttit nowþir hevin nor hell
Thay wer so wicht w^{t}owttin weir
Now w^{t} thair sawle we will nocht mell
Do for *etc.*

Page 158 And gif thow beis ane marchand man
and wy*n*nis thy living be the see
Spend pairt of the gude thow wan fol. 49 *b*
and keip the ay w^{t} honestie
ffra thow be gane I tak on me
Thy wyfe will haif ane vþir feir
Thy dalie sample thow may se
Do for thy self quhill thow art heir

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Or gif thow hes a benefice
preiſs nevir to hurde the kirkis gude
Do almouſs deidis to peure alwayſs
In to this warld To win the rude
Thow mon be bwreit in thy hude
Thy windene scheit is nocht in weir
Thy airis ar off eild to dwid
Do for thy self quhill thow art heir

I say this be a preist of pryd
That wes full wanton of his will
Gold and siluer lay him besyd
The fremmit þairof Thair baggis can fill
All þat thay prayit for him wes ill
ffor now thay drink and makis gud cheir
Wyismen said he did nane skill
Do for thy self quhill thow art heir

And of this preist I will speik mair
that had sa mekle of warldis wrack
Off all his freindis leſs and mair
he wald nocht mend thame worth ane plack
Quhill deid he hint him be the back
That he micht nowdir stand nor steir
And lute him nocht his testment mack
Do for thy self quhill thow art heir

Sen for no wisdome nor no strenth
Nor for no richeſs in this erd
That ony man his lyf may lenth
Naþir for freyndschip agane wanewerd
Page 159 I tak on hand fra thow be berd fol. 50a
thy sectouris spendis thy gudis cleir
Thow may say that a fowle the lerd
Do for thy self Quhill thow art heir

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Considder man all is bot vanitie
that we heir haif in to this warld within
ffor fra the tyme of our natiuitie
ffast vnto deid a restles rink we rin
Thairfoir is best that we *am*mend our syn
And god beseik of m*er*cy or we dee
To leir this lessone latt ws now begyn
Considder man all is bot vanitie

Will we nocht prent in to oure mynd and penſs
That it is bot richt schort tyme we haif heir
As we may weill se be Experience
The quhilk sowld put ws all quyt owt of weir
ffor thay that war baith wardly wyiſs and deir
Ar went away and vaneist as we see
And sa mon we quhat tyme þat deid will speir
Considder man all is bot vanitie

The synfull flesche that heir was cumly cled
Sall soddanly be closit in to clay
And w^t^ the samyne the wormis salbe fed
The quhilk befoir in syn was nureist ay
The silly sawill sall paſs a wilsome way
Try*m*land for dreid As dois the leif on trie
Quhat sall oure wantoneſs awaill that day
Considder ma*n* all is bot vanitie

All cu*nn*yng / craft / knawlege or ȝit kin
May nocht ane houre prolong the terme of deid
Nor gold nor gud that in the warld we win
Aganis this sentence thair is no remeid
land nor ȝit re*nt* sall stand ws in no steid
Bot ill we / will we / dowtles we mone die
Aganis this se*n*tence thair is na remeid
Considder *etc.*

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Page 160 Thus deid is sicker but exceptioun fol. 50 *b*
ffra quhilk we can ws nocht defend
Be no maner of protectioun
Bot of this warld we mon wend
The tyme and place to ws vnkend
We knaw no^{t} quhe*n* nor quhair to die
Thus sen vncertane is oure End
Considder *etc.*

3it neuirtheleſs the tyme þat we haif tynt
May be redemit be help of god*is* grace
Sa we repent befoir the suddane dynt
Off the vnc*er*tane deid quhill we haif space
Eftir the q^{lk} thair is na help allace
bot gif that we get m*er*cy or we die
We are bot tynt this is ane havy cace
Considder *etc.*

Lo we may sie the lyf that we ar in
Is gra*n*tit to ws to win the eternall bliſs
And gif *per*cha*n*ce we fall in deidly syn
3it we may ryiſs agane & mend our miſs
Thairfoir in schort my counsall it is thiſs
That we sett ws all vycis for to fle
And tho^{t} we faill our mendis acceptit Is
Considder *etc.*

Bot it is grit *per*rell for to delay
Our demereittis and misdeid*is* to mend
Differa*n*d thame vnto the latter day
The q^{lk} vnsicker is and als vnkend
Thairfoir is best provyd afoir the End
cheisand the sicker lattand the vnseur be
And grace / at god ask ay / as we offend
ffor in this warld is nocht bot vanitie

ffinis

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Lettres of gold writtin I fand
Intill a buike was fair to reid
The sentence plane till vndirstand
Thairfoir till it I tuik gude heid
With havy hairt and mekle dreid
Page 161 I red the scriptour veremẽt fol. 51 *a*
The quhilk said thus trew as the creid
Ryiſs deid folk and cum to Iugemẽt

Ryiſs deid folk ryiſs forsuth it said
Cum on belyve ȝe mon compeir
That law doun on the erth ar laid
Get vp gud speid and be nocht sweir
Mak compt how ȝe haif levit heir
In to this wretschit warld present
ȝour conscience tellis ȝoʳ deidis cleir
Befoir the Iuge In Iugemẽt

ffra hevin to hell Throw erd and air
That hiddouſs trump sa lowid sall sound
That throw the blast I ȝow declair
The stanis sall cleive [1] erd sall redound
Sall no manˀ respect get ƿat stound
ffor gold for riches or for rent
ffor all mon cum ouir see and sound
And presẽt thame to Iugemẽt

In flesche and bane as ȝe war heir
thoᵗ ȝe wer brint in powder all
befoir the Iuge ȝe mon compeir
To mak ȝoʳ compt baith grit & small
Nane adwocat for ocht sall fall
bot ȝoʳ awin conscience Innocent
sall speik for ȝow quhen ȝe ar call
befoir the Iuge in Iugemẽt

[1] the *deleted.*

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May nocht be hid I 3ow declair
that evir 3e did in deid or tho^{t}
sall nocht be cullerit / all beis bair
How prevelly þat evir 3e wrocht
The twynkling of 30^{r} Ene beis socht
quhe*n* sy*m*naris schamefully ar schent
Thairfoir be war or 3e be brocht
Our soddanly to Iugeme*n*t

Page 162 Paip or prelattis precissit of wit fol. 51 *b*
In to this warld that cly*m*mis so hie
To win the fowll vane gloir of it
Be war / 3e sall accusit be
The folk 3e tuke [1] to keip lat se
The faith to teiche as 3e wer sent
Hirdis to be and tuke 30^{r} fee
Cum anse*r* now in Jugeme*n*t

3e kingis he of stait and micht
That warldly conqueiſs and vanegloir
Desyrit ay baith day and nicht
And all 30^{r} lawbor set þairfoir
quhat helpis than 30^{r} micht 30^{r} stoir
Quhen warldis welth away Is went
May nane 3ow hyd in hoill nor boir
ffor all mon ryſs to Iugement

Gif 3e haif keipit Iust and richt
The law ellyk to riche and peure
With blyth hairt in the Iugeis sicht
3e may appeir I 3ow assure
Haif 3e misgorvernit ocht 3our cure
Sair may 3e dreid the hard torme*n*t
Off hellis fyre that sall Indure
*per*petuall eftir Iugeme*n*t

[1] the *deleted.*

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O crewall knychtis and [1] men of pryd
That evir in armes and chevelrye
Hes socht oure all this warld so wyd
3ow till avance w^t victory
Ay blud to sched sa crewaly
Gud tyme wer heir for to repent
Or 3e be schot doun soddanly
And brocht on forſs to Iugement

ffor that day is no grace to gett
Nor þat day sall na mercy be
ffra that the Iuge in sait be sett
Haif thow done weill / ffull weill is the
Page 163 That awfull Iuge quhen thow sall se fol. 52 a
Sa full of yre in face fervent
To synneris for Iniquitie
That mon vpryiſs to Iugement

3e men of kirk that cure hes tane
of sawlis for to wetsche and keip
3e will be tynt and 3e tyne ane
In 3our defalt of goddis scheip
Be walkand ay that 3e no^t sleip
Luke that 3our bow be reddy bent
The wolf abowt 3o^r flok will creip
3e mon mak compt at Iugement

Be gude of lyfe and bissie ay
gud examplis for to schaw
stark in the faith and luke allwey
That na man cryme vnto 3ow knaw
Lat ay 3o^r deid follow 3o^r saw
And to this taill 3e tak gud tent
Sayweill but doweill / Is nocht worth a straw
ffor 3ow to schaw in Iugement

[1] *Interlined.*

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And warldly wemen be ȝe war
ȝour wit is waik leir to be wyſs
Grit cawſs of syn forsoth ȝe ar
Throw ȝo^{r} fowll pryd and claithis of pryiſs
Ay prowd in busking and garmond nyiſs
Inflammand lychman[1] of Intent
To lichery thame for to tyiſs
ȝe mon mak compt in Iugement

ȝe merchantis that the gold sa reid
vpbrace in to ȝo^{r} boxis bad
quhat may it help quhen ȝe ar deid
The gadderit riches þat ȝe had
be all weill win ȝe may be glad
befoir the prince maist prepotent
be it no^{t} so ȝe may be sad
Quhen þat ȝe cum to Iugement

Page 164 Leill labouraris þat nicht and day fol. 52 *b*
Dois þat thay may for to vphald
This wretschit lyfe / ffull blyth may thay
Cum to[2] thair compt quhen thay ar cald
Weill may thay byd w^{t} hairtis bald
To no man did thay detriment
Bot pure lyfe led heir as god wald
ȝit thay sall cum to Iugement

Thairfoir me think for to conclude
grit rent nor riches proffeitis nocht
ffor grit aboundance heir of gude
Dois[3] men grit truble in thair tho^{t}
Weill sall thay worth That sa hes wrocht
Off sufficence can be content
Thair can no sickerer way be wrocht
To help thame at Iugement

[1] *Sic.* [2] *Interlined.* [3] d *deleted.*

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All is bot vane and vanitie
Into this warld that we haif heir
Grit riches and prosperitie
Vpfosteris vyce That is na weir
Makis men to fall in synnis seir
Misknaw thair god syne consequent
To godis seruice makis thame maist sweir
Ryiß deid folk Cum to Iugement

ffinis q Wā broun

At matyne houre in midis of the nicht
Walknit of sleip I saw besyd me sone
Ane aigit man semit sextie 3eiris of sicht
This sentence sett and song it in gud tone
Omnipotent and eterne god in trone
To be content and lufe the I haif cauß
That my licht 3owtheid is opprest & done
Honor wt age to every vertew drawis

Grene 3owth / to aige thow mon obey and bow
thy foly lustis lestis skant ane may
That than wes witt / Is naturall foly now
As warldly witt honor richeß or fresche array
Deffy the devill Dreid god and domisday
Page 165 ffor all salbe accusit as thow knawis fol. 53 a
blissit be god my 3utheid is away
Honor with aige to every vertew drawis

O bittir 3owith that semis delitious
O haly aige that sumtyme semit soure
O restles 3owth hie / hait / and [1] vicious
O honest aige fulfillit with honoure

[1] furious *deleted.*

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O frawart ȝowth frutles and fedand flour
Contrair to conscience baith to god and lawis
Off all vanegloir the lamp and the mirroure
Honor with aige till every vertew Drawis

This warld is sett for to dissaive ws evin
pryd is the nett and covece is the trane
ffor na reward except the Ioy of hevin
Wald I be ȝung in to this warld agane
The schip of faith / tempestous wind and rane
dryvis in þe see of lollerdry þat blawis
My [1] ȝowth is gane and I am glaid & fane
Honor *etc.*

Law / luve and lawtie gravin law thay ly
Dissimvlance hes borrowit conscience clayis
Aithis / writ / walx / nor seilis ar not set by
flattery is fosterit baith with freind*is* and fayis
The sone to bruike it þat his fader hais
Wald se him deid Sathanas sic seid sawis
ȝowtheid adew ane of my mortall fais
Honor w^t^ aige w^t^ every vertew drawis

ffinis q kennedy

Walking allone amang thir levis grene
Into ane semely forrest fair and fre
Quhair I was cled with bewis bricht & schene
I did me lene vntill ane athorne tre
Page 166 Quhair birdis sang with curage / wounder hie fol. 53 *b*
Rehersand ay this verſs in to my Eir
Man mend thy lyfe and restoir wrangus geir

[1] g *deleted.*

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I m*ar*vellit gritly quhat this song sowld mene
and it imprentit sadly in my thocht
Than sang ane bird with curage fra the splene
O man revolue and think how thow art bocht
Quhairwith Quhomefra Quhairto and quha the coft
ffra the fowill feyind and all his felloun feir
Man me*n*d thy lyfe and restoir wrangus geir

I studeit than of this birdis indyte
And did revolve rycht oft in myne entent
gif I sic sentence had hard in to wryte
This bird than sang agane incontinent
O fuliche man dreid thow thy Iugement
Or throw thy hert the deth do dryve his speir
Man mend thy lyfe and restoir wrangus geir

Proceiding furth so in hir sermond seir
With cowrious not and word*is* scherp and kene
Hir girsly text did perſs myne hert weill neir
As throw the quhilk away I wald haif bene
ffor quhy I micht not hairtly do sustene
So scherp ane sermone blawing in myne Eir
Man mend thy lyfe *etc.*

My stormy face schew weill tha*n* myne Ente*n*t
Vnto this bird And scho sang suddanly
quhat ma*n* availis all this warldis rent
Thy self in hell thair to dwell fynaly
Thairfoir in tyme I reid the ask m*er*cy
And for thy syn daly mvrne mony a teir
Ma*n* *etc.*

Thocht thow in dignitie be constitute
Or ȝit of landis thow haif grit heretage
On thy subiect gif thow makis wrang *per*sute
Dowtles thy sawill sall stand for that in plege

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Page 167 On dumisday quhe*n* thow sowld tak curage fol. 54 *a*
The to defend befoir the Iuge austeir
Man mend thy lyfe and restoir wrangus geir

Thocht thow be ȝung in to thy ȝeiris grene
Beleving that thy lyfe sall long Endeure
My counsale is thy foly thow refrene
Or dowt the theif cum brek thy sawlis dure
quhe*n* thow wait not in to the mirk obscure
Tha*n* is no tyme I tell the now but weir
Man mend thy lyfe & restoir wra*n*gus geir

I answerit than this bird in crabitnes
I wait I am in to my flowris grene
And als my corps Is haill withowt seiknes
Thairfoir I wait I may richt weill sustene
Thir mony ȝeiris my curage is so clene
Quhairfoir sowld I sa sone this lessone leir
To me*n*d *etc.*

God sayis his selfe in sacreit wangell
Till him quha cu*m*is in the thrid vigill
Sall nevir haif *pair*te of no kin pane of hell
So he will tha*n* amend his vycis Ill [1]
ffor thy / Quhairfoir sowld I my ȝowtheid spill
Pynnand my self doand away pleseir
To me*n*d *etc.*

Thairfoir in to my ȝeiris grene and ȝing
I will to craif and tak that I may gett
ffor wysemen sayis quha dois in ȝowith Inbring
In aige he sall grit stormes do ouresett
Quhairfoir grene ȝowth I will not do forȝett
for no sic song that bird may sing on breir
To me*n*d *etc.*

[1] *Originally* all.

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Weill qoud the bird thy curage is richt hie
Havand hie knawlege of thy mortall stait
Thinkand *per*chance ay in this lyfe to be
Page 168 Na Na in faith with deth thow mon debait fol. 54 *b*
quhair as I trow thow than sall haif chekmait
quhen thow wald beg ane houre owt of a ȝeir
To mend thy lyfe and restoir wra*n*gus geir

Hir crewall dyte tha*n* maid me moir agast
And als hir song richt soir effrayit me
luking quhen deth his speir sowld at me cast
My curage fell befoir was wounder hie
Not ȝit for þat My sensuality
Vnto my ressone wold aggreit neir
To me*n*d my lyfe *etc.*

Inco*n*tinent this bird *per*savit weill
How at hir sermond bait my conscie*n*ce
scho sayd twa contrar wayis I feill
The ane is gud the vþir Is offence
Thairfoir the rewill with ressone and prudence
Tha*n* fra contraryis thow art purgeit cleir
Ma*n* *etc.*

I said a*n*none Quhat kynd of bird art thow
that [1] tareis me all day with tyrsum taill
Scho answerit sone and said I tell the now
Synderisis my name is but ony faill
Quhilk the sall dryve to þe fyre Infernaill
Bot gif thow wirk as I do the requeir
To mend *etc.*

Now to conclude and end this breif sermond
Quhairevir thow fair entrest thow sickerly

[1] tha *deleted.*

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Myne endyting in to þin Eiris sall sound
And perce thy conscience continwaly
Quhairfoir gif thow willis leif eternaly
*per*sew vertew and vycis do forbeir
Ma*n* mend *etc.*

Scho braidit furth with that and twik the flicht
and I vprais and hamewart schup to fair
Page 169 Be tha*n* fair phebus with his bemis bricht fol. 55 *a*
Had purgit clene and pvrefeit the air
My ressone sone vnto me did repair
and counsallit me this lessone for to leir
Ma*n* mend thy lyfe and restoir wra*n*gus geir

Richt weill I knew tha*n* in this schort lessone
the verry wey vnto saluatioun
be grace devyne tha*n* opnit my ressone
Till vndirstand this proclamatioun
The quilk w^{t} grit mvltiplicatioun
This bird so sweitly song on breir
Man *etc.*

Thus I come hame w^{t}in my covertour
Reiosit gritly of this visioun
q^{lk} I had sene in this grit vardour
And on my kneis I said this orisioun
O eternall god trenefald in vnioun
Grant ws me*r*cy and grace quhill we ar heir
To mend our lyfe & restoir wra*n*gus geir

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The ressoni*n*g betuix aige and ȝowth

ȝowth

Quhen fair flora the godes of the flowris
Baith firth and feildis freschely had ourfret
And perly droppis of the balmy schowris
Thir widdis grene had with thair water wet
Movand allone In mornyng myld I met
A mirry ma*n* that all of mirth cowth mene
Singand the sang that richt sweitly was sett
O ȝowth be glaid in to thy flowris grene

Aige

I lukit furth a litill me befoir
And saw a cative on ane club cu*m*and
With cheikis clene and lyart lokis hoir
Page 170 His ene was how / His voce was heſs hostand fol. 55 *b*
Wallowit richt wan and waik as ony wand
Ane bill he beure vpoun his breist abone
In letteris leill but lyis with this legand
O ȝowth thy flowris fedis fellone sone

ȝowth

This ȝungma*n* lap vpoun the land full licht
And m*ar*vellit mekle of his makdome maid
Waddin I am q he and woundir wicht
With bran as bair and breist burly and braid
Na growme on ground my gairdone may degraid
[1] Nor of my pith May pair of wirth a prene
My face is fair my fegour will not faid
O ȝowith be glaid in to thy flowris grene

[1] Nor *deleted.*

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Aige

This senȝeour sang bot with a sobir stevin
schakand his berd he said my bairne lat be
I was wtin thir sextie ȝeiris and sevin
Ane freik on fold als forſs and als fre
Als glaid als gay als ȝing als ȝaip as ȝie
Bot now tha dayis ourdrevin ar & done
Luke thow my laikly luking gif I lie
O ȝowth thy flowris fadis fellone sone

ȝowth

Ane vþir verſs ȝit this ȝungman cowth sing
At luvis law a quhyle I think to leit
In court to cramp clenely in my clething
And luke amangis thir lusty ladeis sweit
Of mariage to mell with mowthis meit
In secreit place quhair we may not be sene
And so with birdis blythly my bailis beit
O ȝowth *etc.*

Aige

This awstrene greif anserit angirly
for thy Cramping thow salt baith cruke & cowre
Page 171 Thy fleschely lust thow salt also defy fol. 56 *a*
and pane the sall put fra paramour
Than will no bird be blyth of the in bouir
quhen thy manheid sall wendin as the mone
Thow sall assay gif that my song be soure [1]
O ȝowth thy flowris fedis fellone sone

ȝowith

This mirry Man of mirth ȝit [2] movit moir
My corps is clene wtowt corruptioun

[1] *Originally* sone. [2] *Interlined.*

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My self is sound but seiknes Or but soir
My wittis fyve in dew proportioun
My Curage is of clene complexioun
My hairt is haill my levar & my splene
Thairfoir to reid this roll I haif no ressoun
O ȝowth *etc.*

Aige

The bevar hoir said to this berly berne
This breif thow sall obey sone be thow bald
Thy stait thy strenth Thocht it be stark and sterne
The feveris fell & Eild sall gar the fald
Thy corps sall clyng thy curage sall wax cald
Thy helth sall hynk and tak a hurt but hone
Thy wittis fyve sall vaneis Tho[t] thow not wald
O ȝowth thy flowris *etc.*

This gowand / grathit with sic [1] grit greif
he on his wayis wrethly went but wene
This lene awld ma*n* luche Not bot tuk his leif
And I abaid vnder the levis grene
Of the sedullis the suthe quhe*n* I had sene
Of trewth me thocht thay trivmphit in thair tone
O ȝowth be glaid in to thy flowris grene
O ȝowth thy flowris faidis fellone sone

ffinis q $\overline{\text{Mr}}$ Robert hend*er*sonE

The ressoni*n*g betuix Deth and man

Deth

O mortall man behold tak tent to me
Page 172 Quhilk sowld thy mirrour be baith day & nicht fol. 56 *b*
All erdly thing that evir tuik lyfe mon die
Paip / Empriour / king barroun & knycht

[1] *Interlined.*

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Thocht thay be in thair roall stait and hicht
may not ganestand quhen I pleiſs schute the derte
Waltownis Castellis and towris nevir so wicht
May nocht risist quhill it be at his herte

the man

Now quhat art thow That biddis me thus tak tent
And mak ane mirroʳ day & nicht of the
Or with thy Dert I sowld richt soir repent
I trest trewly off that thow sall sone lie
Quhat freik on fold sa bald dar maniſs me
Or with me fecht owþir on fute or horſs
Is non so wicht or stark in this cuntre
Bot I sall gar him bow to me on forſs

Deth

My name forswth sen þat thow speiris
Thay call me deid Suthly I the declair
Calland all man and woman to thair beiris
Quhe*n* evir I pleiſs [1] quhat tyme [1] quhat place or quhair
Is nane sa stowt Sa fresche Nor ȝit sa fair
Sa ȝung Sa ald Sa riche Nor ȝit sa peur
Quhair evir I paſs Owþir lait or air
mon put thame haill on forſs vndir my cure

Man

Sen it is so That nature can so wirk
That ȝung and awld with riche & peure mon die
In my ȝowtheid allace I wes full Irk
Cowld not tak tent To gyd and governe me
Ay gude to do ffra evill deid*is* to fle
Trestand ay ȝowtheid wold with me abyde
fulfilland evir my sensualitie
In deidly syn and specialy in pryd

[1]–[1] *On margin.*

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Deth

Thairfoir repent and remord thy conscience
Page 173 Think on thir wordis I now vpoun the cry fol. 57 *a*
O wrechit man O full of Ignorance
All thy plesance thow sall richt deir aby
Dispone thy self and cum with me in hy
Edderis askis and wormis meit for to be
Cum quhen I call thow ma me not denny
Thocht thow war paip Emprior and king all thre

Man

Sen it is swa ffra the I may not chaip
This wrechit warld for me heir I defy
And to the deid To lurk vnder thy Caip
I offer me with hairt richt humly
Beseiking god The diuill myne Ennemy
No power haif my sawill till assay
Iesus on the with peteous voce I cry
Mercy on me to haif on domisday

ffinis q hendersone

Within ane garth vndir a reid roseir
Ane awld man and decripit hard I sing
gay waſs the not sweit was þe voce & cleir
It was grit Ioy To heir of sic a thing
And as me thocht he said in his dyting
for to be ȝung I wald not for my wiſs
of all this warld to mak me lord & king
The moir of aige The nerrer hevynis bliſs

ffals is this warld and full of variance
Besocht with syn and vþir slichtis mo

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Trewth is all tynt Gyle hes the govirnance
Wrechitnes hes wrocht all weill to wo
fredome is tynt & flemit þe lordis fro
and covettyce Is all the cauſs of thiſs
I am content þat 3owtheid Is ago
The moir *etc.*

The stait of 3ewth I repute for no gude
Page 174 for in þat stait sic parrell now I see fol. 57 *b*
but speciall grace The regeing of his blude
Can none ganestand quhill þat he aigit be
Syne of the thing befoir þat Ioyit he
Nothing remanis now[1] to be callit his
for quhy it was bot verry vanitie
The moir of aige the nerer hevinis bliſs

Sowld no man trust this wretchit world for quhy
Of erdly Ioy ay sorrow is the end
The stait of it can no man certify
this day a king To morne haif not to spend
Quhat haif we heir bot grace ws to defend
The quhilk god grant ws till amend our miſs
That to his gloir he ma our sawlis send
The moir of aige the nerrer hevins bliſs

ffinis q Hendersone

ffollowis the thre deid pollis

O sinfull man in to this mortall se
quhilk is the vaill of mvrnyng and of Cair
With gaistly sicht Behold oure heidis thre
Oure holkit Ene oure peilit pollis bair

[1] *Interlined.*

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As ȝe ar now In to this warld we wꝙir
Als fresche Als fair Als lusty to behald
Quhan thow lukis on this swth Examplair
Off thy self man thow may be richt vnbald

ffor suth it is ƿat every man mortall
Mon suffer deid And de ƿat lyfe hes tane
Na erdly stait aganis deid ma prevaill
The hour of deth and place Is vncertane
Quhilk Is referrit to the hie god allane
Heirfoir haif mynd of deth that thow mon dy
Page 175 Heirfoir haif mynd of deth ƿat thow mon dy[1] fol. 58.a
This fair exampill to se quotidiane
Sowld cauſs all me*n* fra wicket vycis fle

O wantone ȝowth als fresche as lusty may
farest of flowris renewit quhy^{t} & reid
Behald our heidis O lusty gallandis gay
full laichly thus sall ly thy lusty heid
Holkit and how and wallowit as the weid
Thy crampand hair & eik thy cristall ene
full cairfully conclud sall dulefull deid
Thy example heir be ws it may be sene

O ladeis quhyt in claithis corruscant
poleist with perle and mony pretius stane
With palpis quhyt and hals elegant
Sirculit w^{t} gold & sapheris mony ane
ȝour finȝearis small quhyt as quhailis bane
arrayit w^{t} ringis and mony rubeis reid
as we ly thus so sall ȝe ly ilk ane
With peilit pollis and holkit thus ȝo^{r} heid

O wofull pryd the rute of all distres
W^{t} humill hairt vpoun our pollis penſs

[1] *The line has been repeated from the preceding page.*

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man for thy miſs ask mercy with meikneſs
Aganis deid na man may mak defenſs
the emprior for all his excellenſs
King & quene & eik all erdly stait
peure & riche salbe but [1] differenſs
Turnit in aſs and thus in erd [2] translait

This questioun quha can obsolue lat see
quhat phisnamour or perfyt palmester
quha was farest or fowlest of ws thre
Or quhilk of ws of kin was gentillar
Or maist excellent in science or in lare
in art mvsik or in astronomye
heir sowld be 3or study and repair
Page 178 [3] And think as thus all 3our heidis mon be fol. 58 *b*

O febill aige drawand neir the dait
of dully deid and hes thy dayis compleit
Behald our heidis with mvrning & regrait
fall on thy kneis ask grace at god greit
Wt oritionis and haly salmes sweit
Beseikand him on the to haif mercy
Now of our sawlis bydand the decreit
of his godheid quhen he sall call & cry

Als we exhort þat every man mortall
for his saik þat maid [4] of nocht [4] all thing
for our sawlis to pray in generall
To Iesus chryst of hevin and erd the king
that throwch his blude we may ay leif & ring
Wt the hie fader be eternitie
The sone alswa The haly gaist conding
Thre knit in ane be perfyt vnitie

ffinis q patrik Iohinstoun

[1] ony defenſ *deleted.* [2] s *deleted.*
[3] *The pencilled numbering of the pages omits* 176 *and* 177.
[4–4] *On margin.*

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Sen throw vertew incressis dignitie
and vertew is floure & rute of nobill ray
Off ony vertewis stait [1] that evir thow be
His stoppis persew and dreid the non effray
Exyle all vyce and follow trewith alway
Luve most thy god That first thy luve began
And for ilk inche he will the quyt a span

Be not our prowde of thy prosperitie
ffor as it cu*m*is so will it paſs away
The tyme to compt is schort thow ma weill se
ffor of grene greſs sone cu*m*is wallowit hay
Labor in trewth q^{h}ill licht is of the day
Trust most in god for he best help the can
And for ilk inche he will the quyt a span

Page 179 Sen wordis ar thrall And tho^{t} is only fre fol. 59 *a*
Thow dant thy tung that power hes and may
Thow steik thyne Ene fra warldis vanitie
Refrene thy lust harkin quhat I say
Graip or thow slyd and Creip furth on the way
And keip thy faith thow aw to god and man
And for ilk inche he will the quyt a span

ffinis

ffollowis certane ballattis aganie [2] the
vyce in sessioun Court and all estaitis

Ane mvrlandis man of vplandis mak
at hame thus to his ny^{t}bour spak
Quhat tydingis gossep peax or weir
The [3] to*þ*er rownit in heir

[1] *Originally* estait, e *deleted.* [2] *Sic.* [3] the *deleted.*

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I tell 3ow this vndir confessioun
Bot laitly lichtit of my meir
I come of Edinburch fra the sessioun

Quhat tythingis hard 3e thair I pray 3ow
the tother answerit I sall say 3ow
keip this all secreit gentill brother
Is na man thair that trestis ane vther
Ane commoun doar of transgressioun
of Innocent folkis prevenis a futher
Sic tydingis hard I at the sessioun

Sum with his fallow rownis him to pleiſs
That wald for invy byt of his neiſs
His fa sum by the oxstar leidis
Sum patteris with his mowth on beidis
that hes his mynd all on oppressioun
Sum beckis full law And schawis bair heidis
Wald luke full heich war not the sessioun

Sum bydand the law layis land in wed
Sum *super* expendit gois to his bed
Page 180 Sum speidis for he in court hes menis fol. 59 *b*
Sum of parcialitie complenis
How feid and favour flemis discretioun
Sum speiks full fair and fasly fenis
Sic tythingis hard I at the sessioun

Sum casts *summondis* and sum exceptis
Sum stand*is* besyd and skaild law keppis
Sum Is co*n*tinwit Sum wy*n*nis sum tynis
Sum makis him mirry at the wynis
Sum is put owt of his possessioun
Sum herreit and on creddens dynis
Sic tydingis *etc.*

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Sum sweiris and forsaikis god
Sum in ane lambskin Is ane tod
Sum in his toung his kyndes tursis
Sum cuttis throttis and sum pykis pursis
Sum gois to gallouſs with processioun
Sum sanis the sait and sum thame cursis
Sic tydingis hard I at ꝑe sessioun

Religious men of diuerſs placis
Cu*m*is thair to wow and se fair facis
Baith carmeleitis and cordilleris
Cu*m*is thair to genner & get ma freiris
And ar vnmyndfull of thair professioun
The ȝungar at the eldar leiris
Sic tydingis *etc.*

Thair cu*m*is ȝung monkis of he complexioun
Of devoit mynd luve & affectioun
And in the courte thair hait flesche dantis
full faderlyk with pechis and pantis
Thay ar so humill of Intercessioun
All mercyfull wem*en* thair eirand*is* grantis
Sic tydingis hard I at the sessioun

ffinis q Dumbar

Page 181 Devorit with dreme / devysing in my slu*m*mer fol. 60 *a*
How ꝑat this realme / with nobillis owt of nu*m*mer
gydit / provydit / sa mony ȝeiris hes bene
And now sic hunger / Sic cowartis and sic cu*m*mer
Within this land was nevir hard nor sene

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Sic pryd with prellattis / So few till preiche & pray
Sic hant of harlettis / with thame bayth nicht & day
That sowld haif ay / Thair god afoir thair Ene
So nyce array / So strange to thair abbay
W^t^in this land was nevir hard nor sene

So mony preistis cled vp in secular weid
With blasing breistis / Casting thair clathis on breid
It is no neid / to tell of quhome I mene
So quhene / the psalme and testament to reid
W^t^in this land was nevir hard nor sene

So mony maisteris / So mony guckit clerkis
So mony westaris / to god and all his warkis
So fyry sparkis / of dispyt fro the splene
Sic losin sarkis / So mony glengoir mark*is*
W^t^in this land was nevir hard nor sene

Sa mony lordis / So mony naturall fulis
That better accordis / To play thame at the trulis
Nor seiſs the dulis / that co*mm*onis dois sustene
New tane fra sculis / Sa mony Anis and mvlis
W^t^in *etc.*

Sa mekle tressone / Sa mony partiall sawis
Sa littill ressone / To help the co*mm*oun cawis
That all the lawis / Ar not sett by ane bene
Sic fenȝeit flawis / Sa mony waistit wawis
W^t^in this warld *etc.*

Sa mony theivis / and mvrderis [1] weill kend
Sa grit relevis / off lord*is* thame to defend
Becawis the [1] spend / the pelf thame betwene
Page 182 So few till wend / this mischief till amend fol. 60 *b*
W^t^in this land was nevir hard nor sene

[1] *Sic.*

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This to correct / thay schoir w^{t} mony crakkis
bot littill effect / of speir or battar [1] ax
quhen curage lakkis / The corſs þat sowld mak kene
Sa mony Iakkis / and brattis on beggaris bakkis
W^{t}in this land was nevir hard nor sene

Sic vant of wostouris [2] / with hairtis in sinfull staturis
Sic brallaris and bosteris degerat [1] frat [1] thair naturis
And sic regratouris / The peure me*n* to prevene
Sa mony tratouris / Sa mony rubeatouris
W^{t}in this land *etc.*

Sa mony Iugeis / and lord*is* now maid of lait
Sa small refugeis / The peur ma*n* to debait
Sa mony estait / ffor co*m*moun weill sa quhene
Ouir all the gait / Sa mony thevis sa tait
W^{t}in this land *etc.*

Sa mony ane sentence / retreitit for to win /
geir and acquentance / or kyndnes of thair kin
Thay think no sin / quhair proffeit cu*m*is betwene
Sa mony ane gin / To haist thame to þe pin
W^{t}in this land *etc.*

Sic knavis & crakkaris / To play at cartis & dyce
Sic heland [1] schekkaris / quhilk at cowkelbyis gryce [3]
Ar haldin of pryce / quhen ly*m*maris dois convene
Sic stoir of vyce / Sa mony wittis vnwyce
W^{t}in *etc.*

Sa mony me*r*chandis / Sa mony ar mensworne
Sa peur te*n*nandis / Sic cursing evin & morne
Quhilk slayis þe corne / and fruct þat growis grene
Sic skaith and scorne / Sa mony paitlattis worne
W^{t}in *etc.*

[1] *Sic.* [2] *Originally* wowstouris, ow *deleted and* o *interlined.*
[3] *Originally* gryve.

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Sa mony rakkettis / Sa mony ketchepillaris
Sic ballis sic nackettis / and sic tutivillaris
And sic evill willaris / To speik of king & quene
Page 183 Sic pudding [1] fillaris / discending doun frome millaris fol. 61 *a*
Wtin this land was nevir hard nor sene
Sic fartingaillis / On flaggis als fatt as quhailis
facit lyk fulis / wt hattis þat littill availlis
And sic fowill tailis / To sweip the calsay clene
the dust vpskaillis / mony fillok with fuck sailis
Wtin this land *etc.*

Sa mony ane kittie / drest vp wt goldin chenȝe [2]
So few witty / That weill can [3] fabillis fenȝe [2]
With apill renȝe [2] / ay schawand hir goldin chene
Off sathanis senȝie Syne sic ane vnsall menȝie
Within this land was nevir hard nor sene

ffinis q dumbar

Off every asking followis nocht
Rewaird bot gif sum caus war wrocht
And quhair cauſs is men weill ma sie
And quhair nane is It wilbe thocht
In asking sowld discretioun be

Ane fule thocht he haif cauſs or nane
Cryis ay gif me in to a drene
And he þat dronis ay as ane bee
Sowld haif ane heirar dull as stane
In asking sowld discretioun be

[1] i *deleted.* [2] *Originally* chenȝeis, fenȝeis, renȝeis ; is *deleted.*
[3] *Interlined.*

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Sum askis mair than he deservis
Sum askis far les than he servis
Sum schames to ask as braidis of me
And all wtowt reward he stervis
In asking *etc.*

To ask but seruice hurtis gud fame
To ask for seruice is not to blame
To serve and leif in beggartie
Page 184 To man and maistir Is baith schame fol. 61 *b*
In asking sowld discretion be

He þat dois all his best servyiſs
may spill it all with crakkis & cryis
be fowll Inoportunitie
few wordis may serve the wyis
In asking sowld discretioun be

Nocht neidfull Is men sowld be dum
Na thing Is gottin but wordis sum
Nocht sped but diligence we se
ffor nathing it allane will cum
In asking *etc.*

Asking wald haif convenient place
convenient tyme lasar and space
But haist or preiſs of grit menȝie
but hairt abasit But toung rekleſs
In asking *etc.*

Sum micht haif / ȝe / with littill cure
That hes oft nay wt grit labour
All / for þat tyme not byd can he
He tynis baith Eirand and honour
In asking sowld discretion be

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Suppois the servand be lang vnquit
The lord sumtyme rewaird will it
Gife he dois not quhat remedy
To fecht with fortoun Is no wit
In asking sowld descretioun be

ffinis of asking ffollowis discretioun
of geving

To speik of gift or almouſs deidis
Sum gevis for mereit and for meidis
Sum warldly honour to vphie
gevis to thame þat nothing neidis
Page 185 In geving sowld discretioun be fol. 62 *a*

Sum gevis for pryd and glory vane
Sum gevis with grugeing and w^t^ pane
Sum gevis in practik for supple
Sum gevis for twyiſs als gud agane
In geving sowld discretioun be

Sum gevis for tha*n*k Sum chereit [1]
Sum gevis money and sum gevis meit
Sum gevis wordis fair and sle
Giftis fra sum ma na ma*n* treit
In giving *etc.*

Sum is for gift sa lang requyrd
quhill þat the crevar be so tyrd
That or the gift deliuerit be
The tha*n*k is frustrat and expyrd
In geving *etc.*

[1] *Originally* chereitie, ie *deleted and* i *inserted before* t.

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Sum gevis to littill full wretchitly
That his giftis ar not set by
And for a huidpyk haldin Is hie
That all the warld cryis on him fy
In geving sowld discretioun be

Sum in his geving Is so large
That all ourlaidin is his berge
Than vyce and prodigalite
Thairof his honour dois dischairge
In geving sowld *etc.*

Sum to the riche gevis geir
that micht his giftis weill forbeir
And thocht the peur for falt sowld de
Is cry nocht enteris in his Eir
In geving *etc.*

Sum givis to strangeris wᵗ face new
Page 186 That ȝisterday fra flanderis flew fol. 62 *b*
And to awld serwandis list not se
War thay nevir of sa grit vertew
In geving sowld discretioun be

Sum gevis to thame can ask and plenȝie
Sum gevis to thame can flattir and fenȝie
Sum gevis to men of honestie
And haldis all Ianglaris at disdenȝie
In geving *etc.*

Sum gettis giftis and riche arrayis
To sweir all þat his maister sayis
Thocht all the contrair weill knawis hie
Ar mony sic now in thir dayis
In geving *etc.*

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Sum gevis gudmen for thair gud kewis
Sum gevis to trumpouris and to schrewis
Sum gevis to knaw his awtoritie
Bot in þair office Gude fundin few Is
In geving *etc.*

Sum givis *parr*ochynnis full wyd
kirkis of sanct barnard and sanct bryd
To teiche To rewill and to ouirsie
that he na wit hes thame to gyd
In geving sowld discretioun be

ffinis of discretioun of geving

ffollowis discretioun in taking

Eftir geving I speik of taking
Bot littill of ony gud forsaiking
Sum takkis our littill awtoritie
And sum our mekle And þat is glaiking
In taking sowld discretioun be

The clerkis takis beneficis wᵗ brawlis
Sum of sanct petir and sum of sanct pawlis
Tak he the rentis No cair hes he
Page 187 Suppois the diuill tak all thair sawlis fol. 63 *a*
In taking sowld discretioun

Barronis takis fra the tennentis peure
all fruct þat growis on þe feure
In mailis and gersomes rasit ouirhie
and garris thame beg fra dur to dure
In taking sowld discretioun be

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Sum takis vþir mens takkis
and on the peure oppressioun makkis
and nevir remembris þat he mon die
Quhilk [1] þat þe gallowis gar him rax
In taking *etc.*

Sum takis be sie and be land
And nevir fra taking can hald thair hand
quhill he be tit vp to Ane tre
And syne thay gar him vndirstand
In taking *etc.*

Sum wald tak all his nychbouris geir
Had he of man als littill feir
As he hes dreid þat god him see
To tak than sowld he nevir forbeir
In taking *etc.*

Sum wald tak all this warldis breid
And ȝit not satisfeit of thair neid
Throw hairt vnsatiable and gredie
Sum wald tak littill and can not speid
In taking sowld discretioun be

grit men for taking and oppressioun
at [1] sett full famous at þe sessioun
and peur takaris ar hangit hie
Schamit for evir and þair successioun
In taking sowld discretioun be

ffinis q dumbar

[1] *Sic.*

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Page 188 Musing allone this hinder nicht fol. 63 b
of mirry day quhen gone was licht
W^t^in ane garth vndir a tre
I hard ane voce þat said on hicht
May na man now vndemit be

ffor tho^t^ I be ane crownit king
ȝit sall I not eschew deming
Sum callis me guid Sum sayis I lie
Sum cravis of god to end my ring
So sall I not vndemit be

Be I ane lord and not lord lyk
than every pelour and purspyk
Sayis land war bettir warit on me
thocht he dow not to leid a tyk
ȝit can he not lat deming be

John fin

Be I ane lady fresche and fair
W^t^ gentillmen makand repair
Than will thay say baith scho & hie
That I am Iaipit lait & air
Thus sall I not vndemit be

Be ane courtman or ane knycht
Honestly cled þat cumis me richt
Ane prydfull man than call thay me
Bot god send theme a widdy wicht
That can not lat sic demyng be

Be I bot littill of stature
thay call me catyve createure
And be I grit of quantetie
Thay call me monstrowis of nature
Thus can *etc.*

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And be I Ornat in my speiche
than towsy sayis I am sa screiche
I speik not lyk thair houſs menȝie
Suppois hir mowth misteris a leiche
ȝit can *etc.*

Page 189 Bot wist thir folkis þat vþir demiſs fol. 64 *a*
how þat thair sawis to vþir semiſs
Thair vicious wordis and vanitie
Thair tratling tungis þat all furth temiſs
Sum wald lat thair demyng be

Gude Iames the ferd our nobill king
Quhen þat he was of ȝeiris ȝing
In sentens said full subtillie
Do weill and sett not by demyng
for no man sall vndemit be

And so I sall with goddis grace
Keip his command in to þat cace
Beseiking ay the trinitie
In hevin þat I may haif ane place
for thair Sall no man demit be

ffinis q dumbar

Sons hes bene ay exilit owt of sicht
Sen every knaif wes cled in silkin [1] weid
Weilfair and welth ar went withowt gudnicht
and in thair rowmis remanis derth and neid
Pryd is amangis ws enterit but god speid
And lerd our lordis to go leſs & mair
With silkin gownis and sellaris tome and bair

[1] goun *deleted.*

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Now ane small barronis riche abelȝement
In silkin furreingis / chenȝeis and vþir geir
Micht furneis fourty in to Iak & splent
Weill bodin at his bak with bow & speir
It war full meit gif it happinis be weir
that all this pryd of silk war quyt laid doun
and chengit in Iak knapska & abirgoun

Wald all the lordis lay vp thair riche arrayis
and gar vnfulȝeit keip thame clene and fair
And weir thame bot on hie trivmphand dayis
Page 190 and quhen strangeris dois in this realme repair fol. 64 b
Thay neidit not for to by silkis mair
Thir twenty ȝeir for thame and thair successioun
gif sinfull pryd nocht blindit thair discretioun

Thair men also mon be but smyt or smoit
fra his caprousy be with ribbanis left
With welwet bordour abowt his threidbair coit
On womanwayis weill toyit abowt his west
His hat on syd set vp for ony hest
for hichtines the Culroun dois misken
his awin maister als weill as vþir men

Quha synnis in pryd dois first to god grevance
Quhilk owt of hevin to hell gaif it ane fall
Syne of him self he westis his substance
Sa lerge þat it ourpassis his rentall
His peur tennentis he dois oppreſs with all
His coistly goun with taill so wyd owtspred
his naikit fermouris garris hungry go to bed

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ffredome honour and nobilnes
Meid manheid mirth and gentilnes
Ar now in cowrt reput as vyce
And all for cauſs of cuvetice

All weilfair welth and wantones
Ar chengit in to wretchitnes
and play is sett at littill price
And all for cauſs of covetyce

Halking hunting and swift horſs ry*nnin*g
Ar che*n*git all in wrangus wynny*n*g
Thair is no play bot cartis and dyce
And all *etc.*

Honorable houshaldis ar all laid doun
Ane laird hes with him bot a loun
That leid*is* him eftir his devyce
And all *etc.*

Page 191 In burghis to landwart and to sie fol. 65 *a*
quhair was plesour and grit plentie
Ve*n*nesoun wyld fowill wyne & spyce
ar now decayid thruch covetyce

Husbandis that grangis had full grete
Cattell and corne to sell and ete
hes now no beist bot cattis and myce
And all thru^t^ caus of covettyce

Honest ȝeme*n* in every toun
War wont to weir baith reid and broun
Ar now arrayit in raggis w^t^ lyce
And all *etc.*

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And laird*is* in silk harlis to þe eill
for q^{lk} thair te*n*ne*n*ts sald somer meill
And leivis on rutis vndir þe ryce
And all *etc.*

Quha þat dois deidis of petie
and leivis in pece and cheretie
Is haldin a fule and þat full nyce
And all *etc.*

And quha can reive vþir me*n*is rowmis
And vpoun peur me*n* gadderis sowmis
Is now ane active ma*n* and wyice
And all *etc.*

Man pleiß thy makar and be mirry
And sett not by this warld a chirry
Wirk for þe place of paradyce
for thairin ringis Na covettyce

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My mynd quhe*n* I compas and cast
Me think this warld chengis fast
quhen god thinkis tyme he may it me*n*d
Lawty will leif ws at the last
Ar few for falsett may now fend

Thift and tressoun now is chereist
Page 192 Law and lawtie is disherreist fol. 65 *b*
and quyt owt of this regioun send
Thift and tressoun now is cherreist
Ar few for falsett now may fend

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War all this realme in two devyddit
lat lawty syne and falset gyddit
quhome on will moniest depend
quha wysest is can not dissyddit
Ar few for falset now may fend

No man Is countit worth a peir
bot he þat hes gud horſs and geir
And gold in to his purſs to spend
The peur for this is spulȝeit neir
Ar few *etc.*

Haif ane peur woman ane cow or twa
glaidly scho wald gif ane of tha
To haif the tother at þe ȝeiris end
scho may thank god and scho chaip sa
Ar few *etc.*

Peur husband men leivis on thair plwch
Thay think þat thay ar riche annewch
Away with it the theivis dois wend
And leivis thame [1] bair As ony bewch
Ar *etc.*

The rankest theif of this regioun
Dar pertly compeir in sessioun
And to þe tolbuth sone ascend
syne with the lordis to raik & roun
Ar *etc.*

[2]

The regentis þat this realme sowld gyd
for schame ȝe may ȝor facis hyd
To quhat effect sowld ȝe pretend
So slewthfully to latt ouirslyd
Sic falsett now as ws offend

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[1] nowþir *deleted.*

[2] *Stanza omitted here, which is in the Draft MS.*

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How sowld I rewill me Or quhat wyiſs
Page]193 I wald sum wyisman wald dewyiſs fol. 66 *a*
I can not leif in no degre
Bot sum will my maneris dispyiſs
Lord god how sall I governe me

Gif I be galland lusty and blyth
Than will thay say on me full swyth
that owt of mynd ȝone ma*n* Is hie
Or sum hes done him confort kyth
Lord god how sall I governe me

Gife I be sorrowfull and sad
than will thay say that I am mad
I do bot drowp As I wold die
thus will thay say baith ma*n* & lad
Lord god how sall I governe me

Gife I be lusty in array
tha*n* luve I *par*ramo*ris* thay say
Or in my hairt is prowd & hie
Or ellis I haif it sum wrang way
Lord *etc.*

Gif I be nocht weill als [1] besene
Than twa and twa sayis thame betwene
That evill he gydis ȝone ma*n* trewlie
Lo be his claithis it may be sene
Lord god *etc.*

Gif I be sene in court ouirlang
Than will thay mvrmour thame a*m*mang
My freyndis ar not worth a fle
That I sa lang but reward gang
Lord god *etc.*

[1] *Interlined.*

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In court rewaird than purcheſs I
than haif thay malyce & Invy
And secreitly thay on me lie
And dois me hinder prevely
Lord god how sall I governe me

I wald my gyding war dewysit
Page 194 gif I spend littill I am dispysit fol. 66 *b*
gif I be nobill gentill and fre
A prodigall ma*n* I am so prysit
Lord god how sall I governe me

Now Iuge thay me baith guid and ill
and I may no mans tung hald still
To do þe best my mynd salbe
Latt every man say quhat he will
the gratious god mot governe me

ffinis q Dumbar

ffoure mener of men ar evill to ken
Ane Is þat riches hes and eiſs
gold siluer corne Cattell and ky
and wald haif *pairt* fra vþiris by

Ane vþir Is of land and rent
so grit a lord and so potent
That he may not it rewill nor gy
And ȝit wald haif fra vþiris by

The thrid dois eik so dourly drink
and aill and wyne wtin him sink
quhill in his wame no rowm be dry
And ȝit *etc.*

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The last that heȝ of nobill blude
ane lusty lady fair and gude
boith vertewis wyiſs and womanly
John bot ȝit wald haif ane vþir by

In erd no wicht I ca*n* *per*saif
of gude so grit aboundance haif
Nor in this warld so welthfull wy
bot ȝit he wald haif v*þir* by

Bot ȝit of all this gold & gud
or vþir conȝie to conclude
quha evir it haif it is not I
It gois fra me to vþiris by

ffinis

Page 195 Sum tyme this warld so steidfast[1] was & stabill fol. 67 *a*
That manis word was obligatioun
and now it is sa fals and dissavable
That word and deid discordis in conclusioun
Ar no thing lyk bot turnit vp and doun
Is all this warld for greid and wilfulnes
That all is loist for laik of steidfastnes

Trewith is put doun Ressoun is haldin fabill
Vertew hes nane at hir devotioun
Petie exylit And na ma*n* meretabill
Throw cuvettyce Blind is discretioun
The warld hes maid ane *per*mvtatioun
fra richt to wrang ffra ressone to wilfulnes
That all Is loist for lak of steidfastnes

[1] as *deleted.*

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Quhat makis this warld to be so variable
bot lust quhilk folk hes but discretioun
among ws now ane man Is haldin vnhable
Bot gif he can be sum collusioun
Doing his ny^{t}bour wrang or oppressioun
Quhat makis this bot wofull wretchitnes
That all is loist *etc.*

ffalsheid that sowld bene abhominable
Now is regeing but reformatioun
Quha now gifis lergly ar maist dissavable
for vycis ar þe grund of sustentatioun
All wit is turnit to cavillatioun
lawtie Expellit and all gentilnes
That all is loist *etc.*

O prince desyre for to be honorable
chereiß thy folk and hait extortioun
Suffer nothing þat bene reprovable
schaw furth thy swerd of castigatioun
That vertew may rigne w^{t}in thy regioun
Dreid god / do law / luve trewith and richtousnes
And bring thy folk agane to steidfastnes

ffinis

Page 196 ffals titlaris now growis vp full rank fol. 67 *b*
Nocht ympit in the stok of cheretie
howping at thair lord to gett grit thank
Thay haif no dreid on thair nybouris to lie
Than sowld ane lord awyse him weill I se
Quhen ony taill Is brocht to his presence
Gif it be groundit in to veretie
Or he þairto gif haistely creddence

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Ane worthy lord sowld wey ane taill wyslie
the tailltellar and quhome of it is tald
gif it be said for luve Or for Invy
And gif the tailisman abyd at It he wald
Than eftirwart the *pairteis* sowld be cald
for thair excuse To mak lawfull defence
Than sowld ane lord the ballance evinly hald
And gif not at the first haistie creddence

It is no wirschep for ane nobill lord
for the fals tailis To put ane trew man doun
And gevand creddence to þe first recoird
he will not heir his excusatioun
The tittillaris so in his heir can roun
The Innocent may get no awdience
Ryme as it may thair is no ressoun
To gif till taillis hestely creddence

Thir teltellaris oft tymes dois grit skaith
And raissis mortall feid and discrepance
and makis lordis with thair serwandis wreith
And baneist be wtowt cryme perchance
It is þe grund of stryfe and all distance
Moir perrellus than ony pestillence
Ane lord in flatterreris to haif plesance
Or to gif lyaris hestely creddence

O thow wyse lord quhen cumis a flatterrer
Page 197 The for to pleiſs and hurt the Innocent fol. 68 *a*
Will tell ane taill of thy familiar
Thow sowld the *pairteis* call Incontinent
And sitt doun sadly in to Iugement
And serche the cauſs weill or thow gif sentence
Or ellis heireftir in cais thow may repent
That thow to tailis gaif so grit creddence

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O wicket tung sawand dissentioun
of fals taillis to tell That will not tyre
Moir *per*rellus Than ony fell pusoun
The pane of hell thow sall haif to þi hyre
Richt swa thay sall that hes Ioy or desyre
To gife his Eir To heird with patience
for of discord It kendillis mony fyre
Throwt geving talis hestely creddence

Bakbyttaris to heir it is no bowrd
ffor thay ar excom*m*vnicat in all place
Thre *per*sonis severall he slayis wt ane wowrd
him self The heirar / And the man saiklace
Within ane hude he hes ane dowbill face
Ane bludy tung vndir a fair pretence
I say no moir bot god grant lordis grace
To gife to taillis nocht hestely creddence

ffinis q m̄r Robert Hendersone

To dwell in court my freind gife þat thow list
for gift of fortoun / Invy thow no degre
Behold and heir and lat thy tung tak rest
In mekle speice Is *pair*t of vanitie
And for no malyce preiß the nevir to lie
als trubill nevir thy self sone be no tyd
Vþiris to reiwll / That will not rewlit be
He rewlis weill That weill him self can gyd

Page 198 Bewar quhome to thy counsale thow discure fol. 68 *b*
ffor trewth dwellis nocht ay for þat trewth appeiris
Put not thyne honour Into aventeure
Ane freind may be thy fo As fortoun steiris

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In cumpany cheiſs honorable feiris
And fra vyle [1] folkis draw the far on syd
The psalme sayis cum sancto sanctus eiris
He rewlis weill That weill him self can gyd

Haif pacience Thocht thow no lordschip posseid
ffor hie vertew may stand in law estait
be thow content of mair thow hes no neid
And be thow nocht Desyre sall mak debait
Evirmoir / till deth say to the than chakmait
Thocht all war thyne this warld wtin so wyd
Quha can resist the serpent of dispyt
he rewlis weill That weill him self can gyd

ffle frome the fallowschip of sic as ar defamit
And fra all fals tungis fulfild wt flattry
Als fra all schrewis or ellis thow art eschamit
Sic art thow callit As is thy cumpany
fle *per*rellus taillis foundit of Invy
With wilfull men Son argown thow no tyd
quhome no ressone may seiſs nor pacify
he rewlis weill That weill him self can gyd

And be thow not ane roundar in the nwke
for gif thow be men will hald the suspect
Be nocht in countenance ane skornar nor by luke
Bot dowt siclyk sall stryk the in the neck
be war also to counsall or coreck
him þat extold hes far him self in pryd
quhair parrell is but proffeit or effect
he Rewlis weill That weill him self gan gyd

Page 199 And sen thow seyis mony thingis variand fol. 69 *a*
With all thy hart treit bissines and cure

[1] *Originally* vyld.

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Hald god thy freind Evir stabill be him stand
He will the confort in all misaventeur
And be no wayis dispytfull to þe peure
Nor to no man to wrang at ony tyd
Quho so dois this Sicker I ȝow asseure
he rewlis weill That sa weill him can gyd

ffinis q Dumbar

In to this warld we se sic variance
So suddanly dame fortoun turnis hir quheill
In it no man may haif *per*fyte plesance
bot now in wo in *per*rellis now wounder weill
Thairfoir quhen fortoun ȝour freind ȝe feill
Beir welth wysly in grit prosperetie
for dreid þat ȝe fall in adwersitie

Bettir ȝe knaw na thing Nor ȝe mon de
bot quhen or quhair It is richt Incertane
Thairfoir quhen ȝe ar in felicitie
help misterfull haif petie on thair pane
With ȝour pissance ȝour strenth & all ȝor mane
beir welth wysly in grit prosperitie
for feir ȝe fall sone in adwersitie

Sweirnes and pryd se alwyis þat ȝe fle
On covettyce sett ȝe nowayis ȝour ceure
Luk avarice fra ȝow far baneist be
quhat avalis plenty and grit tresseure
Till him þat will in poverty Indeure
Beir welth wysly in grit prosperitie
foir feir ȝe fall sone in adwersitie

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Ire and invy I counsale ȝow reffuse
Page 200 for with thame thair remanis no vertew fol. 69 *b*
and gluttony alwy for till Abvse
With lichery preiſs nane to *per*sew
The brainchis of all thir see ȝe eschew
Beir welth wysly in grit prosperitie
ffor dreid ȝe fall sone in adwersitie

Be actyve / wyse / Trew / constant / glaid / and fre /
Tak no suppryiſs ƿat may ȝour honour pair
Keip ȝow fra thift See ƿat ȝe nevir lee
Oure haistelly Se ȝe speik not *am*mang repair
for to diffend ȝour manheid see ȝe not spair
Beir welth wysly in grit prosperitie
for dreid ȝe fall *etc.*

The deiddis of m*er*cy preiſs ay to fulfill
And daylie ȝour trespas for till amend
Ay be content Quhat evir god send*is* ȝow till
And ȝe do this trest weill god will ȝow send
riches Ennwche And hevin als to ȝo*r* End
Beir welth wyslie in grit prosperitie
ffor dreid ȝe fall sone in adu*er*sitie

ffinis

Man of maist fragilitie
ffull of wo and miserie
Sen but dowt thow mon die
ffor deth the addreſs
Suche exampill thow ma sie
Off every stait and degre
This warld dissaitfull & sle
Hes no sickernes

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To erdly stait or thow haif Ee
To serve thy makar luke thow see
And or thow wend to vanitie
In Thy mynd him Inpreſs
Page 201 Gife thow will leif in cheretie fol. 70a
Ay frawart cumpany flee
With fulis and thow fellow the
Thy fame sall decreſs

Be not pert in prevetie
To vyce or Iniquitie
ffor he þat thy Iuge salbe
Seis thy deidis Expreſs
ffra wrangus guid absent the
Be not lefull to lie
ffor at the last verretie
Is knawin moir and leſs

In heill or Infirmitie
Gife thow in deidly syn be
and wat not how sone thow sall die
Mend the in this caiſs
Quhen thow hes nicessitie
Call of chryst mercie
for to deliuer the
Off every distreſs

Be patient in povertie
and in thy maist prosperitie
Haif ay god befoir thyne Ee
And no man oppreſs
And thow haif awtoritie
To nane do thow crewaltie
The grit god that sittis hie
Will it anis redreſs

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Rememeber [1] in thy memorie
that the deth thow mon de
and waits not quhen verrelie
Or how it sall increſs
Nor quhair but fedder for to fle
In ane stra*n*ge far cuntre
but fude cleth or con3ie
Kin or richeſs

ffinis

Page 202 In bittirnes of sawill call vnto mynd fol. 70 *b*
Thy 3eiris all and how thow hes thame spend
Thow knawis to chryist thow hes bene richt vnkynd
And wilfully thow hes his grace offend
With all thy hart Enforce the to [2] amend
Mistrust him not bot w^t^ howp to him call
for his m*er*cy Exceidis his workis all

Thy sinfull lyf with lang continwance
he knawis it weill Thow neidis it not report
mistrust him nocht Put in him Effiance
Vnto his passioun latt evir thy mynd resort
His awin promeiſs salbe ouir cheif confort
he biddis ws ask and haif of him we sall
ffor his m*er*cy Exceiddis his workis all

Quhen adame be Suggestioun of his wyfe
Dissauit be the diuillis subtilitie
Had Eit the apill of the tre of lyfe
and ws secludit frome the prosperitie
of paradyce our fre felicitie
3it godis awin sone Come to restoir þe [3] fall
Quhairthrow m*er*cy exceiddis his workis all

[1] *Sic.* [2] offend *deleted.* [3] ws *deleted, and* þe *interlined.*

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Dauid did mans slawtter and adultre
nowmerit the pepill / salamone his sone
als for ane wenchis saik did ydolatrie /
Pawle *per*sewid chryist / And magdalene was wantone
Thay askit grace And thay gat it annone
And ar wit god in favour speciall
Sa thus his m*er*cy Exceidis his work*is* all

Gif that thy sy*nn*nis war ane thowsand tymis moir
As gerſs on grund or sternis in the sky
Page 203 So grit so horribill and long c*on*tinwit befoir fol. 71 *a*
That nowþir toung nor pen cowld specifie
haif ay gud howp Ask / and haif thow mercy
for all gettis m*er*cy That for m*er*cy sall call
Sen his m*er*cy Exceiddis his workis all

ffinis

Moving in mynd of mony diu*er*ſs thing
Occurrit to my dull remembrance
The alteratioun and ferlefull changeing
Off manis estait quhilk sum folk callis cha*n*ce
Quhilk is not ellis bot godis awin ordina*n*ce
Meting all tyme to our lyfe leſs & mair
Quhairfoir mak this our daly govirna*n*ce
To fle all vyce & follow vertew fair

Sevin vertewis ar Aganis vycis sevin
Aganis he pryd / profound humilitie
Pryd did [1] deiect fair lucifer fra hevin
Meiknes exaltit our blissit ladie hie
Aganis fleschely lust Is chestetie
aganis avarice Is to be liberall
Quhilk causis ws with god & man to be
louvit / The tother had in dispyt w[t] all

[1] derict *deleted.*

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Aganis invy Is fervent cheretie
Aganis gluttony Is to keip abstinance
Aganis sweirnes Ay bissy for to be
Aganis yre To keip patience
Thus sall we do to grit god none offence
Nor to our nyᵗbour kepand thir vertewis sevin
Syne sall ressaif in our End recompence
Eternall lyfe The endles Ioy of hevin

ffinis

Page 204 Certane preceptis of [1] gud counsale fol. 71 *b*

Tak heid and harkin to my taill
3e gentill men so is my counsale
ffirst in the mornyng get vp with gud Intent
To do 3our god seruice be 3e diligent
To go to preiching 3e do 3oʳ bissy ceure
Syne to 3our sport 3e paſs with aventeur
Bot 3it it semis 3e weill provydit be
Eftir the force of 3our facultie
Haif in 3our mynd the vaill of 3oʳ expenſs
Trest not in all To leill men gif creddens
Proceid in tyme for tyme schort terme concludis
In fynall rent conforme 3ow to 3oʳ guidis
Exclud surfatt and spend with discretioun
And luve 3our servand of gud conditioun
Lak not 3our kin suppois thair wit be rude
Bot help 3our freind in to his quarrell guid
And to 3oʳ freind in every neid be kynd
Bot schaw not all the secreit of 3our mynd
In luve & aw 3e chirreiſs weill 3our wyfe
quhen scho is trew luve 3e hir as 3our lyfe

[1] meddecyne *deleted.*

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Teiche weill ȝour sone & gif him ȝour counsale
Bot hald ȝor dochtir ay in stret bensale
Pay the serwand his fee for his labour
And mak ane leill man ȝour executeur
haif gud comfort in grit aduersitie
keip patience and byd till bettir be
for god remeid may in a litill space
Thairfoir exampill tak of ser ewstace
ȝe lusty lady that lykis to be leill
keip weill ȝour band and luke wt quhome ȝe deill
Extoll ȝow not in to ȝour febill wit
Nor be nocht tystit with ane licht promit
Nor be not ydill Bot apir wirk or pra
And haif in Mynd ane leill theosica
Evir to serve ȝour lord in luve & dreid
Page 205 Aboif all thing keip weill ȝour womanheid fol. 72 a
grit honour it is to be weill nemmit
ȝe ar forfarne And anis ȝe be defamit
And to ȝour lord ȝour luveis till allow
quhome to allone At buird and bed ȝe bow

ffinis

ffollow preceptis of medecyne

Quha wald thair bodyis hald in heill
Sowld with thir thingis thre thame deill
Aboif all thing first to be blyith
And lat no dolour in ȝow kyith
Vse mesurable rest with sobir Eiting
Vse bissines but sair sweiting
Be nevir crabbit for nokin thing
ffor that will flesche and blwid boith myng
for yre is harme to manis heill

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Baith sawill & lyfe It settis in *per*reill
All excesß Is fa to ma*n*is sale
Woundis heill and schortis dayis withall
Als eftir meit to stand thow leir
And dowit drink alwey forbeir
hald not thy scaling ouir Appetyte
Nor preiß not to degest ouir tyte
Syne to forbeir thow tak gud keip
on eftirnonis for to sleip
for heidwark feveris or frawartnes
of nownis sleip cu*m*is grit sweirnes
Be war for ony thing ma be
Vpoun thy bak for to lay the
It gadderis seiknes in hairt & heid
And haistis the till ane suddane deid
Page 206 ffowr thingis ar generit [1] of the wind fol. 72 *b*
In man body haldin w*t*ind
The cramp / Hydropica and the colica
The magrame it is ane of tha
quha wald tak rest vpoun the nicht
The supper sowld be schort & licht
The stommok hes ane full grit pane
quhen at the supper mekle is tane
quhairfoir gif thow wald hald thy heill
With sobirnes luk þat thow deill
Nor eit not till thow wit but weir
That thy stommok be claingit cleir
Vnto þe tyme þat all befoir
be weill degest Thow tak no moir
for surfett puttis fer ma to deid
nor swerd or knyf w*t*owt remeid
In ȝowtheid vse the to temprance
And sa begin the, with vsance
ffor conswetude hes full grit strenth
and haldis the lyf full on lenth

[1] ar *deleted.*

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and chaingeing of meittis but discretioun
raisis seiknes in to all sessoun
and suddane changis misteris grit ceur
As vse is haldin ane vþir nateur
thair it mon be coursably [1]
and drawin with list richt sobirly
Syne bissines wt manis hele
Is best with meseur for to dele
for þat haldis all kyndly hete
& seindill misteris till haif beit
diuerſs meitis togidder brocht
To ws att anis accordis nocht
for ane man hes bot ane nature
& sindry meitis ar not seure
Bulȝeit meit fosteris weill
and fryit meit every deill
rostit meit dryis þe blude
salt meit [2] warst of ony fude
fat meit is flewmous & flowand
soure meitis ar not nvrissand
It nvreissis best That gustis best
Page 207 and naturall sleip makis gud degest fol. 73 a
Raw fruct thay ar verry noyus
bot hervist fruct is most dengerus
In ver and somer ȝe littill eit
and wintir wald haif lerger meit
In ver & somer best is to lat blud
on thy ryt arme dois most gud
At morrowing vse to came thy heid
Bot at evin I the forbeid
and oppin thy crop at morrowing
Cast out flowme mak vomating
Thy puncis wirking schawis but Weir
In quhat kin stait Thow art heir

[1] e *changed to* y. [2] was *deleted.*

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Preiß oure all thing that thow may
ffra all exceß to keip the ay
Sua may thow weill thyn awin lech be
and neuir gar vþir be socht to the
quhair thyn awin gouernance may hald thyn hele
Preiß neuir wt medicinaris for to dele

ffinis

for helth of body couer weill thy heid
Eit not raw meit thow tak gud tent þairto
Drink helsum wyne feid the wt licht breid
Wt appetyt ryse fra þi meit also
Wt aigit wemen fleschlie haif not ado
Vpoun thy sleip thow drink not of thy cowp
Ga glaid to thy bed & morrow bot two
and vse thow neuir our lait for to soup

And so befall þat lechis done þe faill
Thow tak gud tent till vse thir thingis thre
moderall dyet and temperat travaill
be not malitius for non aduersite
meik in truble glaid in pouerte
riche wt littill / content wt sufficance
Be ay neir lyk to thyne awin degre
gife phesick laikis mak this thy gouernance

To euery taille gife thow not sone creddence
Be not to haiste nor ȝit vengeble
To poure folk se þat thow do no violence
courtaß of langage in feding mesorable
off sindre meitis not gredy at þe table
gentill of langage in prudent dalayance
To say þe best sett all way thy plesance

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Haif into hait mouthis that bene double
Page 208 Thoill at thy table no detractioun fol. 73 *b*
Eschew as thow may for to be in truble
Haif fals rownaris at Elatioun
Suffer in to thy houſs no diuisioun
quhilk in thy houſs may caus gret decres
off all weilfair prosperite & fusioun
W^t^ thy ny^t^bour to leif in rest and p̄eax̄

Be clenely cled according for thyn Estait
paſs no^t^ thy boundis keip thy promeiſs belyve
W^t^ thre folkis / be neuir in debait
first w^t^ thy bettir bewar þat thow no^t^ stryfe
Aganis thy phallow no querrell to co*n*tryfe
W^t^ thy subiect to stryve it wer grit schame
quhairfor I counsale the in all thy lyfe
To leif in p̄eax̄ and win þe ane gud name

Haif fyre at morrow and cowrd bed at eve
aganis mistis blak and air of pestilence
Be tyme at prayeris thow sall þe bettir scheve
at thy first rysing do thy god reuerence
Wesy þe pure w^t^ inteir deligence
off all misterfull haif grit co*m*passioun
and god sall send the [1] grace & influence
The till incres and thy possessioun

Eftir meit mak no^t^ lang ane sleip
heid fute stomok *per*serue ay fra cald
Be no^t^ pe*n*sywe off tho^t^ thow tak no^t^ keip
Eftir thy rent ma*n*tene thy houshald
Suffer in wrang & in thy ry^t^ be bald
Sueir no aithis no ma*n* for to begyle
In ȝouth be lusty and sad quhe*n* thow art auld
ffor warldly joy lestis bot ane quhyle

[1] *Originally* þe.

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Dyne not at morrow befoir thyn appetyte
Cleir air and walking makis gud degestioun
betuix meitis drink not for fervent delyte
Bot thrist or travell gif the occasioun
Our salt meit dois grit oppressioun
To feble stomokis þat can not refrane
ffor thingis contrair to thyne complexioun
Off gredy throttis the stomokis hes grit pane

Suffir no surfattis in thy houſs be nyt
Be war of reresupparis and gret exceſs
off nodding heidis and of candill licht
To sleip at morrow in slummering ydilneſs
Quhilk of all vicis is the cheif portareſs
Woyd all drinking wt lymmaris & lechouris
Page 209 And this I say in terminablis I geſs fol. 74 a
off dyceplayeris and commoun hasardouris 71

Thus in two thingis standis all þe welth
of saule and body quho þat it list to Insew
moderat fud quhilk to þi saule is helth
and all foirsaid dois for him renew
and cherete in to þi saule is dew
Thair is no raseth cumis of pottingary
off maistir antone nor of mr hew
Till all neidrent richest detray the

ffinis By Lydgate [1]

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In grit tribulatioun / and mekle vexatioun /
haif sobir inclinatioun / and þat sall the [2] mend [3]
Be pacient in *per*sone // wt humill deuotioun /
Thow think on þe passioun / quhat kyndnes wes kend

[1] *In pencilled writing.* [2] *Interlined.* [3] *Originally* amend, a *deleted.*

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Be meik but derisioun / wt faythfull effectioun [1] /
Thow rewll the wt ressoun / Wt mesure thow spend
ffra cankerit corruptioun / and wicket temptatioun
Thy brukle affectioun / thow dayly defend

Thow mak thy confessioun / [2]to chryst [2] wt [3] deuotioun
To be þi protectioun / and succour the send
Syne mak satisfactioun / wt verrie discretioun
To be þi remissioun quhen thow sall hyne wend

Thow chryst for thy passioun / grant vs redemptioun /
quhilk may be our saluatioun / at our last end
Thow mak supplicatioun / [4] to win þe he pardoun
and this my conclusioun I bring to ane end

finis

Serue thy god meikly / and þe warld [5] besely
Eit thy meit merrely / and so thow may leif
Gif he sendis the pouerty / Thank thow him richly /
ffor he may mend the suddanly / and no man to greif

ffinis

Grund the in patience / blind not thy conscience /
Do thy god reuerence / Thankand him ay
Dreſs the wt diligence / To put away negligence
ceiſs the wt sufficence / This warld will away

ffinis

[1] *Originally* exfectioun. [2–2] *On margin.* [3] hairtly *deleted.*
[4] at our last end *deleted.* [5] merely *deleted.*

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Meiknes and mesure lawte & lawbur / bringis the to honor / hald the *þair*in
gif tho think*is* to indur / lufe best þi creatur / and as thy self þi nyᵗbur & ceiſs of thy syn

The stait and þe ordour of haly kirk haif in cure
preiſs noᵗ till injure for ony vrang win
Considder*in* thy self sur bayᵗ the riche & the pure
ar all of ane natur off adamis kin

Page 210 Think deid ay at thy dure / Thy dayis ar dreid and dolour fol. 74 *b*
Thy pryd and thy portratour / proffittis noᵗ a pin
quhe*n* faid sall thy fegur / and clay salbe thy closure
ane narow vyle sepulture / full of armyn

ffinis

In warld / is noᵗ / be natur wroᵗ / that ay mon lest
Bot as the mone / all chengis sone / this god hes drest
Sen nobilnes / nor grit riches / may noᵗ tak rest
Small thing wᵗ eiſs / ay god to pleiſs / methink it best

finis

Remembir ma*n* on endles hellis vexatioun /
fle fra temptatioun / thow brukle flesche as glaſs /
Thow art bot aſs / for all thy dominatioun /
Leif fornicatioun / and mend thy vyle trespaſs
Think thow mon paſs / to thy lang habitatioun
Wirk for saluatioun / sen borne þairto thow waſs

finis

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Remembir ma*n* that thow hes no thing heir
bot for a tyme quhilk suddanly ourslydis
Dreid god / be blyth / w^{t} mesur mak gud cheir
ffull mony chance in to þis warld betydis
This warld is fals and euir wilbe so
Trest no^{t} þairin thow mon de*pair*te þairfro

finis

Thy begynnyng is bair and bittirnes
W^{t} wrechitnes wofull away thow wendis
The deid certane the hour vnsickirnes
The tyme [1] sa schort approcheing euir þe end*is*
quho hiest cly*mm*mis most suddanly discendis
quhat [2] is heirof bot [3] cast on chryst thy cure
And [4] stand content of euery aventur

finis

This warld*is* joy is only bot fantesy
off quhilk non erdly wicht can be content
quho most hes witt leist suld in it effy
quho moist it taistis most sall him repent
quhat vailis all this riches and this rent
Sen no ma*n* watt quho sall his tresour haue
presome no^{t} gevin / That god hes done bot lent
W^{t}in schort tyme the quhilk he thinkis to craue

finis

[1] sa tyme *deleted.* [2] hies *deleted.* [3] chr *deleted.*
[4] and *deleted and rewritten on margin.*

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Dissait dissauis and salbe dissauit
quha with dissait is dissauable
Thot his dissait be not all out *per*sauit
To þe dissatour dissait is ay returnable
ffrawd quyt wt frawd is guerdoun *con*veniable
and quha wt fraud Is frawdfully ay fund
To þe defraudour defraud sall ay redound

finis

Page 211 Quho wald do weill / he mon begin at weill / fol. 75 *a*
for to do weill / and not at wantour will
Wtouttin weill / thow may not cum to weill
ffor wit thow weill / all warldly weill gois will
Dreid god / do weill / thow may weill and thow will
Seik weill at weill and vyiſs þe voundir weil
conclud wt weill and thow sall fair full Weill

finis

Quho will be gud / he may be gud / and gud / is gud / to hald
quha hes not gud / he can no gud / Ane gud man thus me tald
It is not gud / for ony gud / off gud to be our bald
Bot richtous gud / quhair grund is gud / That gud will neuir fald
Throw gud / cumis mekle gud / vngud & gud sall fair
Bot richteous gud / quhair grund is gud / lestis for euir mair

ffinis

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Befoir þe tyme is wisdome to prowyd
and luk in tyme be not to seik nor borrow
Quha takis not tyme bot lattis ay ouirslyd
Tyme sall cum / to turn his joy in sorrow
Tyme tint þis day cumis not agane þe morrow
spend weill thy tyme quhill thow arte levand heir
All tyme is tint fra thow be brocht on beir

Tyme is ryt schorte and lestis Bot a space
most lyk þe tyme þat spreidis into may
wirk weill in tyme to get þe tyme of grace
To mak thy tyme fructfull vnto thy pay
Tyne thow thy tyme / thow sall haif tene & tray
Tyme sall þe tyne and kast the in to cair
wt tyme endles / in sorrow lait and air

finis

Remembir riches remembir pouirte
remember deid remembir prosperite
Remember sin and eik þe panis inferne
remembir patience in maist aduersite
remembir thy makar deuotly on thy kne
remembir his sone our gratius sterne
Remembir thingis dois maist our saull conserne
Remembir þis warldis fals fragilite
remembir þe joy þat lestis ay eterne

finis

Leif luve my Luve no langar it lyk
alter our amouris in to obseruance

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Eschew þe suerd of vengence or [1] it stryk
our lust and plesance turne we in pennance
off mysdeid mend of kissing mak conscience
Repent ws clene and sathanas ouersett
pvnyſs weill þe flesch for þe awin offence
Haif E to god and brek þe diuillis nett

finis

Page 212 Voluptouſs lyfe quhy thinkis thow so sueit fol 75 *b*
Knawing the deid that no man may ewaid
Syne *per*seueris in fleschly lust and heit
no sawis may the fro thy synnys *per*suaid
Contempning god of no[t] that the hes maid
Tresting in to þis brukle lyfe & vane
Repent in tyme devoyd the of this laid
And knaw in hell thair is eternall pane

ffinis

Quhat is this lyfe / Ane draucht way to þe deid
quhilk hes tyme to pas / and nane to dwell
Ane slyding quheill / ws lent to win remeid
Ane fre choiſs gevin / to *par*radice or hell
Ane pray to deid quhome vane is to repell
Ane schort torment for infinit glaidnes
als schort ane Ioy for lestand hevines

ffinis

Ry[t] as pouerte cauſſs sobirnes
and febilnes anser*is* countenance

[1] I *deleted.*

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Ewin so prosperite and riches
The muder is of vyce and negligence
And power also cauſſs insolence
and honor oft syis chengeis hewis
Thair is no moir *per*rellus pestilence
Nor he estait gevin vnto schrewis

ffinis

Now quhen ane wreche is sett to he estait
or ane begger brocht to dignite
Thair is non so prowd pompouſs and elait
Non so vengeble and full of crewelte
Woyd of discretioun m*er*cy and pete
ffor churliche blud seindill dois recure
To be gentill be way of nature

ffinis

Bettir it is [1] to suffer fortoun and abyd
Than haistely to clym and suddanly to slyd
Ay the hier þat thow art / The lawer beir thy hart
In welth or ȝit prosperite / Think ay on deid I *con*sall the
and of þe pure thow haif pete / and leif in luve & cherite /
he þat in welth will tak no heid / he sall haif falt in tyme of neid
a souerane bewty our all the laif / a weill brydillit tung to haif

ffinis

[1] for *deleted.*

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Dreid no^{t} / þat is not co*m*pell no^{t} / þat wald no^{t} / ffor & thow v*per* do
Sum thing wilbe of no^{t} / bettir no^{t} / wer no^{t} / nor to mak þe toun a do

finis

Kny^{t}tis full of hardines Clerkis full of scie*n*ce
Relegius me*n* full of patie*n*ce suld be of gud ȝeill
Ane kny^{t} to say I dar no^{t} do it Ane clerk to say I can no^{t} do it
Ane kirma*n* to say I will no^{t} do it sound*is* no^{t} [1] half so weill

ffinis

Page 213 Call no^{t} þe man fals and vnkynd fol. 76*a*
nor hald him no^{t} for thy vnfrynd
That will no^{t} gife the all thy will
Bot gife it ressoun be and skill
Bot hald him ane of thy felloun fayis
That flatt*er*is [2] and sueris all þat thow sayis
he dois þat / bot for his awin ȝeill
To gar the trow he luvis the weill
ane grittar fa thair can non be
Nor he þat flatteris ay w^{t} the
he is thy freind þat sayis the skill
and is thy fay þat seruis thy will

ffinis

[1] haf *deleted.* [2] the *deleted.*

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He þat thy freind hes bene rycht lang
Suppoiſs sum tyme he do the wrang
condampt him no^{t} bot alwayis mene
ffor kyndnes that befoir hes bene

ffinis

Be kynd to þame þat luvand is to the
be bone and bousum quhair þat thow may gett bute
Sett no^{t} thy hairt bot quhair thy self ma be
Bend no^{t} thy bow bot quhair that thow may schute
Deill no^{t} w^{t} dice w^{t} drinking nor w^{t} diet
preiſs no^{t} to pryd for þat will perisch all
Be knawin clene [1] ay quhe*n* þe lord will call

finis

Me think thair suld no taill be trowit
Except þe tellar wald awowit
ffor ane tratlar I vndirstand
ffra he of ane ma*n* gett a band
That he sall no^{t} discouerit be
Tha*n* hes he lyking for to le
Deme best / þairfoir in euery dowt
Quhill þat þe trewth be tryit out

ffinis

Bruther be wyse in to ȝour gou*er*nance
gif ȝe till hono^{r} will haif þe reddy way

[1] *Interlined.*

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ffaill no^{t} to honour be wilfull ignorance
bot luffe w^{t} dreid and s*e*rue him ny^{t} and day
Be *per*fyte fayth houp and cherite
or ȝe sall murn quhen no me*nd*is mak may ȝe
He is bot deid but fay^{t} I dar weill say
Quha failis fay^{t} w^{t}outtin end sall de

finis

Iustice wald haif ane godly presedent
ane auditor of the complaintis of the pure
quhilk daylie suld minister Iugement
To pure folk cryand at the dure
Spendand moir than thair geir is of valour
and put abak quhill grit cauſs be decydit
Syne levand all for pouerty may no^{t} bydit

ffinis

Page 214 Grit fule is he þat puttis in denger fol. 76 *b*
his lyfe his honour for ane thing of nocht
Grit fule is he þat will no^{t} glaidlie heir
counsale in tyme quhill it availis ocht
Grit fule is he þat no thing hes in tho^{t}
Bot tyme p*rese*nt nor eftir quhat may fall
Nor of þe deid hes no memoriall

ffinis

Sen that reuolt ry*nn*is vpoun rege
latt rege be rewlit w^{t} gud rewll and rycht

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Latt ryt and ressone rancour sa assuage
assuege wt science all dissait & slycht
Lat slycht ourslip fleme falsett to the flicht
Latt fle first faltis place nobilnes betuene
That nobilnes may wt honor he on hicht
honor the roß & royell thrissill kene

ffinis

Quha wilbe riche haif E to honor ay
ffor riches followis honour evir mair
To honour wisdome is the nerrest way
and wisdome to vertew is the verry air
and vertew cumis of science and of lair
and science cumis only of god & grace
Conquest throw gud lyfe travell and businece

ffinis

O wrechit man full of iniquite
of prowdence voyd [1] to vycis naturall
To ryt nor ressoun thow hes bot littill E
nor eftir thy lyfe quhen wend thow sall
Bot thow be war suthly thow will fall
as lucifer be errogance of pryd
quha out of hevin to hell law cowt glyd

Be war wt pryd Be war wt lichery
Be war wt Ire Be war wt cuvatyce
Be war wt sueirnes Be war als wt invy
Be war wt thir O man gife thow be wyse
Be war alswa that thow no gluttony vse

[1] and *deleted.*

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Keip the fra synis that may thy saule offend
prent in thy hairt quhiddir thow sall wend

O man behald þat na tyme thow sall lest
Thy dayis ar schort Thy lyfe rycht sone is gone
Thairfoir as now me think it to þe best
To haif in mynd thy ending euir in one
Page 215 Quhen thow sall wend and quhair þat thow sall won fol. 77 *a*
and quhat thow art and quhairof thow art maid
Sua onto hevin thow hald þe hiest tred

Thy pelf thy prow thy gold thy riche array
Thy gud thy geir thy claithis nor thy fee
Spreidis not of the in appryll nor in may
Bot [1] of þi god hiest in all degre
Quhill thow art heir puttis thame in thy powste
Spend thow thame weill thow sall haif hevin to meid
Bot do thow not thow sall haif pane but dreid

Gud is bot lent ane quhyle quhill thow art heir
It gois away as calf dois wt þe wind
This day ane lord The morne ane pure begeir
haittit and hairtles and bair as leife on lind
Iob wes most riche in haly writ we find
ȝit or he deit of riches he had small
Bot neuirþeles he thankit god of all

O wrechit man think on now how deid
Strenȝeis mankynd and garris him law doun bow
In warld is none bot he mon thoill his feid
aganis his dynt thow may not stand ane pow
Quhen euir he list suthle he will þe schow
Vnto þe grund / Thow watt nocht quhen nor quhair
To mak debait thow sall haif no power

[1] bof *deleted, and* Bot *on margin.*

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Thoᵗ thow this day be prosperus haill and feir
perchance þe morne deid sall þe feche away
Sen thow mon turne in erd on this maneir
na mervell thoᵗ thow grit murnyng may
Quhen thow mon lig in gravell erd & clay
all joy In erd thow sall noᵗ compt ane peiſs
Quhen þat þe ruiftre lyis vpoun thy neiſs

O wrechit man of deid quhen thow hes mynd
That thow art blyth grit marvell haif I me
and thow wait noᵗ quhat way [1] away to wend
Quhen nor quhair nor paſs to quhat cuntre
Sen þat thow knawis fro deid thow may noᵗ fle
Thow chryst beseik / þat maid both sone and mone
That thow may cum and sit in hevins trone

Thow Ioyis no thing of this warldis vane gloir
quhilk lestis noᵗ / It is bot fenȝeit thing
Quha trestis in it / sall rew rycht wondir soir
Ane vþir day and sair his handis wring
It is bruklar than glaſs or ȝit mesling
It weschis away as snaw dois wᵗ the rane
The for to help It cumis neuer agane

Trow thow moir in lettres drawin wᵗ the yse
Page 216 That thay sall lest and euir moir be new fol. 77 b
Than this fals warld full of dissaitis nyce
felȝeand away quhilk neuir wes fundin trew
fra thow be deid in erd all myrthis adew
Thoᵗ thow wer wyiſs as euir wes salomon
Thair is no moir of the fra thow be gone

Thoᵗ thow be wicht as was sampsone þe force
Battell to sailȝe ather in pece or weir
Or fair as absolon in visage or in corſs
quhilk in this warld had nowther maik nor peir

[1] *Originally* away, *initial* a *deleted.*

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Or wyiſs as aristotill *in* sindrye scie*n*ces sere
Or alex^{r} ane nobill clerk of on
Thair is no moir of þe fra thow be gone

Now*þer* king nor quene it spairis no^{t} in deid
bischop nor emprio^{r} nor ma*n* þat lyfe hes tane
The joy of erd beiris now*þer* fruct nor seid
It weschis away all schaddow it allane
It cu*m*is and gangis and makis fuilis fane
Quilk trestis weill þat it sall leif for euir
Bot or thay wit deid garris þame disseuir

ffra thow be gane quhat arte thow thane latt se
Bot wirmes meit To lig w^{t} thame amang
ffra thow be doun and gane of þis cuntre
Quhat sall awaill vane messis and evin sang
To help thy saule out of thir panis strang
Be godly and Iust þairfoir quhill thow art heir
Gif [1] to þe pure to win þair daylie prayeir

ffor thow ry^{t} no^{t} sall haif away w^{t} the
gold nor siluer nor thing þat heir is wro^{t}
Bot ane thin scheitt þat day þat thow salt de
ffor thow no thing in to þis warld hes brocht
Thow cu*m*is pure / w^{t} the away hes no^{t}
Bot as thow heir dois nowthir leſs nor mair
and almouſs deid to keip thy saule fro cair

Do thow gud deid / thow findis it the befoir
In almous / prayer / fasting / or ocht ellis
Do thow no^{t} heir / Thow gettis rycht no^{t} thair
gif it be trew chryst in þe ewangell tellis
Thy m*err*eitis all thow mon win in þir fellis
Both leſs and mair afe this warld or ȝow gone
ffro thow be deid gud*is* deid*is* may thow do none

[1] of thy geir *deleted.*

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Sen it is swa / Ilk day quhill thow art heir
god thow beseik þat deit on þe tre
The to forgife of all thy synnys seir
off his grit grace to haif mercy on the
Page 217 Wt humill hairt thow bow to him on kne fol. 78a
procuring of him to be thy scheild and speir III
Thy saule to keip þat sathan not it deir

ffinis

Me mervellis of this grit confusioun
I wald sum cunnand clerk of clergy wald declard
Quhat garris this warld be turnit [1] vpsyd doun
Thair is not faithfulnes fundin in to this erd
Now is not thre / may trestly trow in þe ferd 5
Welth is away wit is now wrochtin to wrinkis
No seill is sover now this is a wofull werd
The want of wysemen garris fulis sit on binkis

As bakis beiris witnes quhen levit king saturnus
ffor gudly gouernance the warld was galdin cald 10
Non ellis we wat forsuth quhithir it turnis
The quhilk octauiane the man riche culd hald
our all wes peax als weill sett as menis hairtis wald
Thair ringnit gud rewll and reasone held þair rinkis
Non lykis [2] nobilite / Prudens now is thrald 15
And want of wysmen garis fulis sit on binkis

Aristotill for all his grit moralite
augustyne or ambroſs for all thair devyne scripture
quha can placebo and not to haif derige
Wt pectik for to pyk and peill full bair the pure 20
he sall cum in sone quhen þat thay stand at the dure
ffor warldly wonyng sic walkis quhen wysar winkis

[1] vs *deleted.* [2] now *deleted.*

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Wit takis na wirschip sa is now the aventure
That want of wysemen garris fulis sit on binkis

Lord quhiddir ar exylit all noble curagis
Lawty luve wt kyndnes and liberalitie
No thing is fundin now stable in no stagis
Na degest counsale availis wt moralite
Peax is away flemit is all proplexite
prudens and wisdome ar baneist our all brinkis
The warldis war may [1] seyme weill callit to be
Sen want of wyse men makis fulis sit on binkis

Weir but defenſs / ryt lyis all desolat
ryt and ressone vndir no [2] rufe haſs ony rest
ȝowth is but reddour and ege is obstinat
Myt but mercy the pure folkis ar all ourprest
Lernit men suld teche the peple of the best
Thot lair be littill ȝit ferles in thame sinkis
It may not be this warld sall euir thus lest
That want of *etc.*

Quhair is the balme of Iustice / evin equite
no mirreit is present nor pvneist is trespaſs
all leidis now levis lawles at liberte
non [2] rewlis by ressone no moir nor one aſſs [3]
gud fayt is flemit wirthin frewollar than glaſs
Trew luve is lost and lawty haldis no linkis
our gouernante not keipis gud rewll nor compaſs
ffor want of wysmen *etc.*

Page 218 [4]Now wrang hes warrane [4] and law is bot wilfulneſs fol. 78 *b*
quha hes the war Is worthin on him all the wyte
ffor trewth / is tressoun / and faith / is fals fekilneſs
gylle is now gyd and vane lust is also delyte

[1] weill *deleted.* [2] *Originally* not. [3] *Sic.* [4–4] *Half covered by inlay.*

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Kirk is co*n*tempnit thay compt no^{t} cursing a myte
grit god is grevit That me ry^{t} soir forthinkis
The cauſs of this ony man may sone wit
That want of wysme*n* garis fulis sit on bink*is*

Luk [1] hes tane leif and wirschip hes no vdir wane
W^{t} passing pouerty pryd is Importable
Vyce is bot vertew wit is w^{t} will soir ourgane
as laird*is* so laddis daly chengeable
but ryme or ressone all Is bot heble hable
Sic sturtfull stering in to god*is* neiſs it stink*is*
Bot he haif rew all Is vnremedable
ffor want of *etc.*

O Lord of lordis grit gyd and also gouirnour
Makar and movar bay^{t} of mair and also leſs
quhais power / wisdome / gudnes / and he honour
Is infinit now salbe and evir weſs
as thy evangell planely dois expreſs
all thir said faltis reforme as thow best thinkis
as it is deformit for pure pety to redreſs
That w^{t}out fulis / may wysme*n* sit on binkis

ffinis

We lordis hes chosin a chiftane m*er*vellus
That left hes ws in grit perplexite
and him absentis w^{t} wylis cautelus
ȝeiris and dayis mo than two or thre
and no^{t} intend*is* the land nor peple se
ffaltis to correct nor vicis for to chace
our lord gou*er*nour this sedull send we the
In lak of iustice this realme is sche*n*t allace

[1] *The last letter is indistinct.*

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Is nane of ws ane vddir settis by
bot laubo^{r}*is* ay for v*per*is distructioun
q^{lk} is grit pleser to our auld Innamy
and daly cauſſ grit dissentioun
amang ws now and als diuisioun
quhilk to heir / is ane drery cace
To the o^{r} lord & gyd vnder the croun
In lak of iustice *etc.*

Thy prudent wit we think thow hes abusit
absentand the for ony warldly geir
We ȝarne thy presens bot oft thow hes refusit
Till cum ws till or ȝit till merk ws neir
q^{lk} is the causs of theft slaw^{t}ir and weir
approch in tyme our freindschip to purchace
Thy leiges leill thy byding byis full deir
In lak of iustice this realme is schent allace

Couatyce ringis in to [1] the spirituall state
ȝarnand banifice the quhilk ar now vacand
Page 219 That but thy p*rese*ns will cauſs ry^{t} grit debait fol. 79 *a*
and contrau*er*sy to ryſs in to this land
and thy bidding we trest thay sall ganestand
W^{t}out thow cum and present thame thy face
addreſs the sone fulfill thy will and band
In lak of iustice *etc.*

Grit wer and wandrecht hes bene ws amang
Sen thy de*pair*ting and ȝit approchis mair
Thy tardatioun cauſſ ws to think lang
ffor of þi cu*m*ing we haif ry^{t} grit dispair
Off gyd and gouirnance we ar all solitair
Dependand ay vpoun thy stait and grace

[1] þis *deleted.*

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Speid the thairfoir In dreid we all forfair
In lak of iustice this realme is schent allace

ffinis

Thingis in kynd desyris thingis lyke
Bot discontrair haitis Every thing
Saif only mankynd can nevir weill lyke
bot gif he haif a licentious leving
ffleschly desyre and gestly nvrissing
In till a *per*sone all semyne [1] to be [1] wrocht
Watter and fyre togidder in kendling
It may weill ryme bot it accord*is* no^{t}

A man at anis for to serue lordis tuane
The quhilk be baith contrair in opinioun
To pleiſs thame bath and purches no^{t} disdane
Talk w^{t} the ane and w^{t} the v$\flat$ir roun
Be trew to both w^{t}out tuich of tressoun
Tell him of him the thing $\flat$at neu*er* wes wro^{t}
To bring all this to gud co*n*clusioun
It may weill ryme bot it accordis no^{t}

To haif a gall clippit a gentill dow
To be my freind and gevis me fals counsale
To brek my heid & syne put on myn how
To be religiouſs and formest in to battell
To ly in bed and sege ane strang castell
To be ane m*er*chand q^{r} na gud may be bocht
To haif a trew wyfe w^{t} a wantoun taill
It may weill ryme bot it accordis no^{t}

To be of na cu*n*nyng and knaw the herbis
To karp langage $\flat$at nane may vndirstand

[1]–[1] *Interlined.*

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A fule to haif every wyse proverbis
A fair borne bairne of hir þat is barrand
Vnpossible thingis to tak vpoun hand
To big a castell or the grund be wrocht
Page 220 To gife a dome be law þat may not stand fol. 79 *b*
It may weill ryme bot it accordis not

A wrech to weir a noble skarlet goun
A bag lyne furring purfillit weill wt sable
A gud hussy wyfe trubland ay the toun
A chyld to thryfe quhilk is vnchestable
To be content and lichtly chengeable
To haif in drynk thing þat neuir docht
A rome raker wtout lesing [1] or fable
It may *etc.*

A michty king in to a pure regioun
ane haisty wit and he thingis to devyse
Mekle almouſsdeid and fals detractioun
Knytlie manheid and schamefull cowardyse
ane hevinly hell ane panefull paradyse
ane haly doctor wt ane lecherouſs thot
To wirk on heid Syne eftir tak avyse
It may weill *etc.*

A gilty toung cullorit wt eloquens
a fals intent wtin and dissavable
a blyth wisage wt freindly apperens
a crewale hairt invyouſs and vengeable
a gentill horſs wtin a nakit stable
a mirry sang wt sorrow socht
To jone thir all and mak thame agreable
It may *etc.*

[2] [2]
ffrely to spend and full of cuvatyse
To seik burgeonis out of ane auld dry stok

[1] of *deleted.* [2] To seik burgeonis out of ane auld dry stok *deleted.*

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ane gay temple w^t^out devyne seruyse
a birdlies cage ane key w^t^out a lok
a tome schip ay rydand on a rok
a mychty bischop in ane realme of no^t^
a wantoun hird and a weill rewlit flok
It may weill ryme bot it accord*is* no^t^

ffinis

All rychtouſs thing the quhilk dois now proceid
Is crownit lyk vnto an empereſs
Law hes defyit guerdoun and his meid
Settis hir trew^t^ on hicht as goddeſs
Gud faith hes flyttin w^t^ fraud & dowbilneſs
and prvdence seis all thingis þat cu*m*is beforne
ffollowing the trace of *per*fyte stabilneſs
als evin be lyne ry^t^ as a [1] ra*m*mis horne
princis of custome ma*n*tenis ry^t^ in deid
and prelettis levis in clyne *per*fytneſs
Page 221 Kny^tis^ luvis god wat bot littill falsheid fol. 80 *a*
and preistis hes reffusit all riches
all religioun levis in holineſs
Thay bene in vertew and full fair vpborne
Invy in [3] court can no ma*n* se increſs
als leill by lyne ry^t^ as a ra*m*is horne

Marchand*is* of louker takis bot littill hede
Thair vsury is fetterit w^t^ distreſs
and for to speik also of woma*n*hede
Baneist frome þame is all new fangilnes
Thay haif left pryd and takin meiknes
quhois patie*n*ce is bot newly watt & schorne
Thair tongis hes no tuiching of scherpnes
als leill by lyne ry^t^ as a ra*m*mis horne

[1] ry *deleted.* [2] Marchandis of lukir *deleted.* [3] clos *deleted.*

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Pure men co*m*plenis now bot for no Neid
The riche gevis ay seik almouſs as I geſs
W^t plenty ay the hungry thay do feid
Clethis the nakit in thair wrechitnes
and cherite is now a cheif maistres
Sklandir fra hir toung hes pullit out the thorne
Discretioun dois all hir lawis expreſs
als leill by lyne ry^t as a ra*m*mis horne

Out of this land or ellis god forbede
Baneist is fraud falsheid and fekilneſs
fflattery is fled and þat for verry drede
Both riche and pure hes takin thame to sadneſs
Lauboraris wirkis w^t all thair bessineſs
day nor ny^t Nor hour can be forborne
Bot swynk and sueit to voyd all ydilneſs
Als leill by lyne ry^t as a ra*m*mis horne

Princis [1] rememberis and proudently takis hede
how vertew is of vyce a he goddeſs
our faith no^t haltis we leif evin as our crede
In wird & dede as wark beiris witneſs
all Ipocritis hes left thair frawardneſs
Thus weidit is the poppill fra the corne
and every stait is gou*er*nit as I geſs
Als leill by lyne ry^t as a ra*m*mis horne

ffinis

Oft tymes is bettir hald nor len
and this is my skill and ressone quhy
ffull evill to knaw ar mony men
and to be cravit settis littill by

[1] chis *deleted.*

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Thay hald the for his Innemy
To craif the thing þat thow hes Lent
Thairfoir I rid the verrely
quhome to thow le*nn*is tak ry^{t} gud tent

To mony men it dois grit hurt
Page 222 And oft of freindis it makis fais fol. 80 *b*
and baith the pairteis haldis in sturt
quhen þat the ane the v*þer* crauis
So wrechitnes a ma*n* dissauis
W^{t} him self he thinkis a pane
Off thing þat he possessioun havis
ffor to restore or gif agane

Thairfoir is bettir hald nor draw
gar nocht thy awin geir stryve w^{t} the
The *per*sone bot thow ry^{t} weill knaw
That he ry^{t} trest and sicker be
ffor thow may oft tymes heir and se
That mony me*nn*is awin thing le*nn*is
quhairthrow he wy*nn*is grit mawgre
off thankles men þat it miske*nn*is

Thairfoir me think is bettir than
to hald in thy possessioun
Nor crave it fra ane v*þer* man
That is of evill conditioun
quha keipis no promissioun
quhat dois thow than bot flyttis and fechtis
or thow may gett restitutioun
off him þat keipis no^{t} his hechtis

It war moir trest in to þi purſs
na puttit in to rakles handis

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To gar the wary ban and curſs
Seikand thy dettouris in sindry landis
Be war and keip the fra sic bandis
my counsale is gud freind and bruder
This fals warld now sa it standis
That ry^{t} few ar Trestis in a nvdder

Gife ony ma*n* hes the at feid //
[1]ffor thy awin gud I *con*sale the[1]
ay w^{t} full hand se þat thow pleid
Sua gife it may no bettir be
Thy geir to want and win maugre
To the it is bot dowble skath
ma*n* ffor the mair securite
off ane be sicker and tyne no^{t} bath

ffinis

This warld is all bot fenȝeit fair
and als vnstable as the wind
Gud faith is flemit I wat no^{t} quhair
Trest fallowschip is evill to find
gud conscience is all maid blind
and cheritie is nane to gett
Leill loif and lawte lyis behind
and auld kyndnes is quyt forȝett

Quhill I had ony thing to spend
Page 223 and stuffit weill w^{t} warldis wrak fol. 81 *a*
amang my freind*is* I wes weill kend 11
quhen I wes prowd and had a pak
Thay wald me be the oxstar Tak
and at the he burd I wes set
Bot now thay latt me stand abak
Sen auld kyndnes is quyt forȝet

[1]–[1] *On margin after l.* 41.

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Now I find bot freindis few
Sen I wes prysit to be pure
Thay hald me now bot for a schrew
To me thay tak bot littill cure
All þat I do is bot Iniure
Thoᵗ I am bair I am noᵗ bett
Thay latt me stand bot on the flure
Sen auld kyndnes is quyt forȝet

Suppoiß I mene I am noᵗ mendit
Sen I held pairt wᵗ pouerte
away sen þat my pak wes spendit
adew all liberalite
The prowerb now is trew I se
quha may noᵗ gife / will littill gett
Thairfoir to say the varite
now auld kyndnes is quyt forȝet

Thay wald me hals wᵗ hude and hatt
quhill I wes riche and had anewch
About me freindis anew I gatt
ryᵗ blyᵗlie on me thay lewch
Bot now thay mak it wondir tewch
and lattis me stand befoir þe ȝett
Thairfoir this warld is verry frewch
and auld kyndnes is quyt forȝett

Als lang as my cop stud evin
I ȝeid bot seindill myn allane
I squyrit was wᵗ sex or seven
ay quhill I gaif thame twa for ane
Bot suddanly ffra that wes gane
Thay passit by wᵗ handis plett
Wᵗ purtye fra I wes ourtane
Than auld kyndnes wes quyt forȝett

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In to this warld suld na man trow
Thow may weill se the ressoun quhy
ffor evir bot gif thy hand be fow
Thow arte bot littill settin by
Thow art not tane in cu*m*pany
Bot thair be sum fisch in thy nett
Thairfoir foir [1] this fals warld I defy
Sen auld kyndnes is quyt for3et

Sen þat na kyndnes kepit is
in to þis warld þat is present
Gife thow wald cum to hevy*n*nis bliß
Page 224 Thy self appleiß wt sobir rent fol. 81*b*
Leife godly and gife wt gud intent
To every man his pro*per* dett
quhat evir god send hald the content
Sen auld kyndnes is quyt for3et

ffinis

I saw ane rob / riche of hew
Wt pretius stanis peirles picht
Wt rubeis reid and saphir*is* blew
and dyamantis ryt derly dicht
The grund was birnist goldin brycht
Wt selidone sett on every syd
Thairin wes writtin this ressone richt
Bad man for þe bettir abyd

ffor the bettir ma*n* thow abyd
and for the bettir thy spech thow spend
To day gife thow wantis in tyd
To morne chryst may the weill Amend

[1] *Sic.*

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quhat evir it be chryst to the send
Welth or weilfair pouirty or pryd
grunche no^{t} And neu*er* thy god offend
Bot ay ma*n* for the bett*er* abyd

I hard a ma*n* sing till ane harp
ane hesty ma*n* wantit nevir wo
[1]he þ^{t} ca*n*no^{t} suffir scho^{r}*is* scharp[1]
Nor ȝit knaw his freind by his fo
The wysemen sayis sene it is so
he þat can suffir in hairt & hyd
sall haif his asking but [2]moir uo
That for the bettir can abyd

A ma*n* þat can no^{t} dout no schame
he is no^{t} wirthy to cum in a gud place
lat nevir thy tung dishono^{r} thy name
Be trew and steidfast in every cace
Beseik thow Iesu of his grace
In all this warld þ^{t} is so wyd
That all wicket hestines fra the paß
That thow may for the bett*er* abyd

Gif ane evill turne be to the hecht
Keip it in mynd and hald the still
ane fulis bolt is sone on flicht
he þ^{t} speikis mekle sum *pair*te mon spill
Keip weill thy tung and say non ill
And in gud cu*m*pany luk thow the gyd
lat nevir our mony wit thy will
Bot ay ma*n* for the bettir abyd

A man þat will his awin counsale discure
how suld ane vþir ma*n* it keip
Cast the to trewth / In p$\overline{\text{eax}}$ Indure
fra all evill fallowschip I bid the creip

[1]–[1] *On margin after l.* 18. [2] wo *deleted.*

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Thoᵗ thow be sair se noᵗ tho weip
Tak solace in hairt lat sorrow slyd
ane hesty man salbe drownit in deip
quhen þᵗ suffaris sall weill leif & abyd

Page 225 I wist a man in presone kast fol. 82 *a*
and ley þairin sex ȝeiris or sevin
ȝit he wone furᵗ at the last
mony man meitis at vnset stevin
freindis and fais chryst mak ȝow evin [1]
and he þat sufferit wondis wyd
To bring ws to the bliſs of he hevin
[2]quhair we mot for now & evir abyd

ffinis

O god þat in tyme all thingis did begin
In tyme thow maid hevin and erd of nocht
In tyme thow bocht man and redemit fra sin
In tyme sall thow vnmak þat thow hes wrocht
In tyme ar [3] saif all [4] þat thy [5] blud hes bocht
In tyme goud lord gife ws grace þat we may
In tyme repent for every deid and thoᵗ
and tak tyme in tyme for tyme will away

Our tyme sall away / And þat in schort space
Tyme beiris witneſs my saying is trew
our foirfaderis had tyme heir in lyk cace
and tyme passit wᵗ thame as dois wᵗ ws now
No tyme tareid thame / ffor thair tyme away drew
Bot thay tareit tyme as we do every day
and tyme sall paſs fra ws god almichty knawith how
Tak tyme quhill tyme is for tyme will away

[1] *Originally* stevin.
[2] ffor þair is *deleted.*
[3] sall chr *deleted*, and ar *interlined.*
[4] all *interlined.*
[5] pretius *deleted.*

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How to tak tyme and how tyme aucht to be spent
Tyme is no^{t} to be comptit þat wit dois exercyſs
In tyme sall god be his rychtouſsnes gif his Iugeme*n*t
Thairfoir spend 3o^{r} tyme in vertew & lerne to be wyſs
Tyme Tareis no ma*n* Tyme goith as a gyſs
Tyme steilith frome ws and will byd at no stey
Bewar w^{t} tyme / prolong no^{t} I tald 3ow [1] twyſs
Tak tyme in tyme for tyme will away

In tyme our grit grandschiris our faderis gatt
ane Tyme thay had [2] / and sone thair tyme wes past
[3] ane tyme had [4] our foirfaderis mark [5] weill that
[3] ane tyme sall we haif & de*pair*t at [6] last
Thus tyme pertith from tyme and tyme makith [7] haist
Tyme will no^{t} byd [8] we can no^{t} tyme delay
Tyme is [9] incertane quha*n* deth will ws agast
Tak tyme quhill tyme is for tyme [10] will away

In tyme ask god grace In tyme tak compassione
In tyme of welth remembir the tyme of wrechit neid
In tyme gife lawd to god in tyme mak god oblasione
In tyme fast and pray In tyme gife almoſs deid
In tyme offir thy harte for tyme dois still proceid
gif tyme trest to tyme Tyme sall the betray
Page 226 In tyme luk thow speik That in tyme thow may speid fol. 82 *b*
And tak tyme quhill tyme is for tyme sall away

This tyme is ane tyme That nane can resist
Tyme is transetorius and also Irrevocable
Say quhat 3e will tyme passith as him list
Tyme most be tane in tyme conveniable
all thing had tyme my saying is no^{t} reprovable
ffor quhen the tyme cu*m*mith The tyme we most obey
Byd tyme quho will The tyme is verry vnstable
Tak tyme quhill tyme is for tyme will away

[1] this *deleted.* [2] heir *deleted.* [3] and *deleted.* [4] had *on margin.*
[5] 3e *deleted.* [6] the *deleted.* [7] euir *deleted.* [8] *Originally* abyd, a *deleted.*
[9] evir *deleted.* [10] tyme *deleted.*

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Tak the tyme of glaidnes forsake þe tyme of sorrow
Latt thyne tyme pas [1] in gudnes do no[t] frome it dissevir
Vse thy tyme the day as thow suld end [2] the morrow
and tak tyme gif thow may as tyme suld lest evir
I mene in tyme of vertew thow suld thy self endeveir
As þe [1] tyme of deth wald cum thy body till effray
So vse thy self in besines as thow suld de nevir
& Tak tyme *etc.*

Haif thow in all warldly thingis [3] / tyme / in vsage
ffor ane thing done out of tyme Is no[t] to be co*mm*endit
quhair tyme is no[t] tane thriſs *per*sonis dois vtrage
Wordis out of tyme makis mony me*n* offendit
W[t]out tyme may no thing be co*m*prehendit
quhair tyme is mysvsit the peple dois decay
Gife tyme be no[t] tane quhill tyme be extendit
Tyme is vntrusty and dois skaill frome the away

Tyme to be sad Tyme to plesour and sport
Tyme of study Tyme of gud recreatioun
Tyme to be hevy and Tyme to vse confort
Tyme of displesour and Tyme of consolatioun
Thus tyme hes his [4] tyme of diu*er*ſs maner fassioun
Tyme to eit and drink and tyme of pastyme & play
Tyme to be leberall and tyme of delectatioun
Tak tyme quhill tyme is for tyme will away

Tyme to travell and Tyme to tak ȝour rest
Tyme to speik and tyme to hald ȝour pese
Tyme wald be vsit quhen þat tyme is best
Thair is na [5] tyme to bring and ane tyme for to cese
Tyme quhen it is meit put thy self in prese
Tyme to go or tary for tyme we can no[t] stay
The man þat spendis tyme weill god sall him increſs
Tak tyme quhe*n* tyme is for tyme is away

[1] *Interlined.* [2] *On margin, to take the place of a deleted* de *or* end.
[3] thinkis *deleted*, thingis *interlined.* [4] th *deleted.* [5] *Sic.*

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The fructis takis thair schape also in the tyme of ver
In tyme of symmer the flouris be fresch and grene
In þe tyme of hervist quhen thay thair corne dois schere
In the tyme of wintir the north wind waxis kene
Page 227 So bittir bytting þat tymeflouris be no^{t} sene fol. 83 *a*
The callenderis of tyme do tary quhill frostis thame slay
That tyme forsaikis na tyme quhen dame flora is quene
Tak ten quhill tyme is [1] for tyme will away

Tyme cauſſs natur to increſs and multiply
and tyme dois decres in the best tyme of all
Tyme bringis ane man to grit joy and felicity
and tyme turnis the warld suddanly as ane ball
Tyme frome 3owth to aige dois ws also call
Tyme dryvis our lyfe to deth of suth I say
Tyme consomis erth [2] w^{t} erth full naturall
Tak [3] Tyme quhen tyme is for tyme will away

Now tyme drawis in and tyme gois apace
Trest no^{t} to tyme lest tyme the assaill
Now is the tyme of mercy and of grace
The tyme of repentance This tyme thow sall bewaill
This tyme thow sall obtene þat tyme thow sall no^{t} prevaill
This is the tyme of mesour This is the tyme of joy
This tyme sall haif ane end that tyme sall nevir faill
Bot loſs lyfe fra tyme / þat tyme cum lifting all away

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[1] *Interlined.* [2] to *deleted.* [3] *On margin.*

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Say weill is trewly ane wirthy gud thing
off say weill grit vertew dois out spring
Say weill frome do weill defferis in lettir
Say weill is gud bot do weill is bettir
Say weill is rutit be man sum deill
Bot do weill only to god dois appeill
Say weill sayis gudly and dois mony pleiſs
Bot do weill dois godly and dois the warld eiſs
Say weill mony vnto godis word clevis
Bot for lak of do weill thay it quyckly levis
Bot gif say weill & do weill wer jonit in ane frame
all þat wer vngottin wer gottin wt game
Say weill in denger of deth is cawld
Do weill is harnasit and winderous bald
quhen say weill for feir dois trymmill & quaik
Do weill salbe Iocound and merry maik
Say weill is slippir and makis mony wylis
do weill is semely wtout ony gylis
Quhan say weill at sumtyme salbe brot baiſs
do weill dois trivmph in every plaiſs
Say weill to sylence sumtyme is bound
Do weill is fre in every ground
Say weill hes freindis bot heir & thair
Bot do weill is welcum [1] or every quhair
Say weill in hand mony thing dois tak
Bot do weill ane end of þame [2] dois mak
Page 228 Quhen say weill wt money quyt doun is kast fol. 83 b
do weill is tresty and dois stand fast
Say weill him self will sumtyme adwance
Bot do weill dois nowdir jake nor prance
and doweill dois profeit þis warld moir
Than sayweill dois ane hundret scoir
Say weill in wordis is wonderus trick
Bot doweill in deid is nymmill and quyck

[1] in *deleted*, or *interlined*. [2] doisd *deleted*.

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Lord quyke & trik togiddir knet
and so sall thay pyp ane merry conset
Say weill mony wille [1] thay be [2] so kynd
Bot do weill [3] will weill vnto thair freind
Mo sayweill Than doweill say ȝow in deid
Bot doweill is moir honest in tyme of neid
Say weill and doweill ar thingis twane
Thryſs happy is he quhome in thay do remane

ffinis

To gyd thy tung
Imprent thir thre in thy remmenbrance
ffor lyk as the mone [4] chaingis befoir the pryme
Sa farith this warld repleit wt wariance
Off dissolut langage cum myt grit distance
Quhairfoir sais catone to auld and to ȝung
The first of all vertewis is to keip weill ȝor tung

ȝit in aventur gife it so requyre
ƿat ȝe sall speik as ȝe most neidis perkece
Wyslie obserue sex thingis followand heir
remembir quhat ȝe say / and in quhat place /
of quhome / and to quhome / and in ȝour mynd compace
how ȝe sall speik / and quhen / Taking in gud heid
ffor this the wyseman counsalis ȝow in deid

ffinis

Sustene Abstene keip weill in ȝour mynd
beir and forbeir haif evir in remenbrance
for ȝe sall ƿairby grit quyetnes fynd

[1] *Or* wilbe, *with* be *possibly stroked through.* [2] thay be *on margin.*
[3] i *deleted.* [4] pryme *deleted, and* mone *interlined.*

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In all thy lyfe quhat soeuer dois chance
It is the only thing þat may the adwance
and mak 3ow to be estemit verrely
amang all vdir salbe the most happy

Beir truble and pane / beir sklander and blame
beir wordis displesand be þai nevir so sour
fforbeir in ony ways To vþir do þe same
fforbeir to revenge thoᵗ it be in 3oʳ powir
Lat nevir 3our angir remane wᵗ 3ow on hour
forbere 3our awin plesour Beir 3oʳ nyᵗbouris misery
and 3e of all vdir salbe the most happy

Gife 3e be ganesaid fforbeir for ane sessone
forbeir to resist quhen 3e think to offend
Beir vderis ignorance forbeir 3oʳ awin ressone
Till occasioun be gevin thame / 3ow to amend
Page 229 Than vttir 3our wisdome as god sall it send fol. 84 *a*
obserue 3our tymis and forbeir discreitly
and 3e sall of all vþeris be þe most happy

Beir chrystis croce quhen it is laid on 3oʳ bak
That is to say all maner of aduersate
quhilk quhen 3e in 3oʳ awin *per*sone dois laik
help vþer to beir þat ourladin be
Sa sall this warld be warisid accordinle
and 3e of all vþer sall be most happy

fforbeir rasch jugement quhill þe trewᵗ be tryid
forbeir all haistines speik wordis of cherite
fforbeir extreme pvnisment Thoᵗ thow salbe spyid
To much in all thingis comptit is Iniquite
Tempir 3our actis wᵗ sustene and abstene
Beir and forbeir and than sall 3e trewlie
off all leving creaturis [1] be most happie

etc.

[1] thow sall *deleted.*

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Quhome to sall I complene my wo
and kyth my kairis on or mo
I knaw no^{t} amang riche nor pure
quha is my freynd quha is my fo
ffor in this warld may non assure

Lord how sall I my dayis dispone
ffor lang seruice rewarde is none
and schort my lyfe may heir indure
and lossit is my tyme bygone
Into this warld ma none assure

Oft falsett rydis w^{t} ane rowt
Quhen trewth gois on his fute abowt
and lak of spending dois him spur
Thus quhat to do I am in dowt
In to *etc.*

Nane heir bot riche me*n* hes renoun
and bot pure me*n* ar pluckit doun
and nane bot Iust me*n* tholis Iniure
Sa wit is blindit and ressoun
In to *etc.*

Vertew the court hes done dispyiſs
ane rebald to renoun dois ryiſs
and cairlis of nobill*is* hes the cure
and bumbard*is* bruk*is* the benifyiſs
Into *etc.*

All gentrice and nobiltie
ar passit out of he degre
on fredome is laid foirfaltour
In princis is thair no pety
ffor in *etc.*

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Is non so armit in to plait
Page 230 That ca*n* fra truble him debait fol. 84 *b*
may no ma*n* lang in welth indure
for wo þat evir lyis at þe wait
Into this warld may none assure

Flattry weiris ane furrit goun
and falsett w^{t} the lord dois roun
and trew^{t} stand*is* barrit at þe dure
and exul is of þe toun
In to *etc.*

Fra everilk mowth fair wird*is* proceidis
In every hairt disceptioun breid*is*
Fra everylk E gois luke demure
Bot fra the hand*is* gois few gud deid*is*
In to

Toungis now ar maid of quhyte quhaill bone
And hairtis ar maid of hard flynt stone
And Ene of amiable bly^{t} asure
And hand*is* of adamant laith to dispone
In to *etc.*

ȝit hairt w^{t} hand and body all
Mon anser deth quhen he dois call
To compt befoir þe iuge future
Sen all ar deid or than de sall
Quha suld in to this warld assure

No thing bot deth this schortly cravis
quhair fortoun evir as fo dissavis
W^{t} freyndly smyling*is* of ane hure
quhais fals behechtis as wind hyne wavis
In to *etc.*

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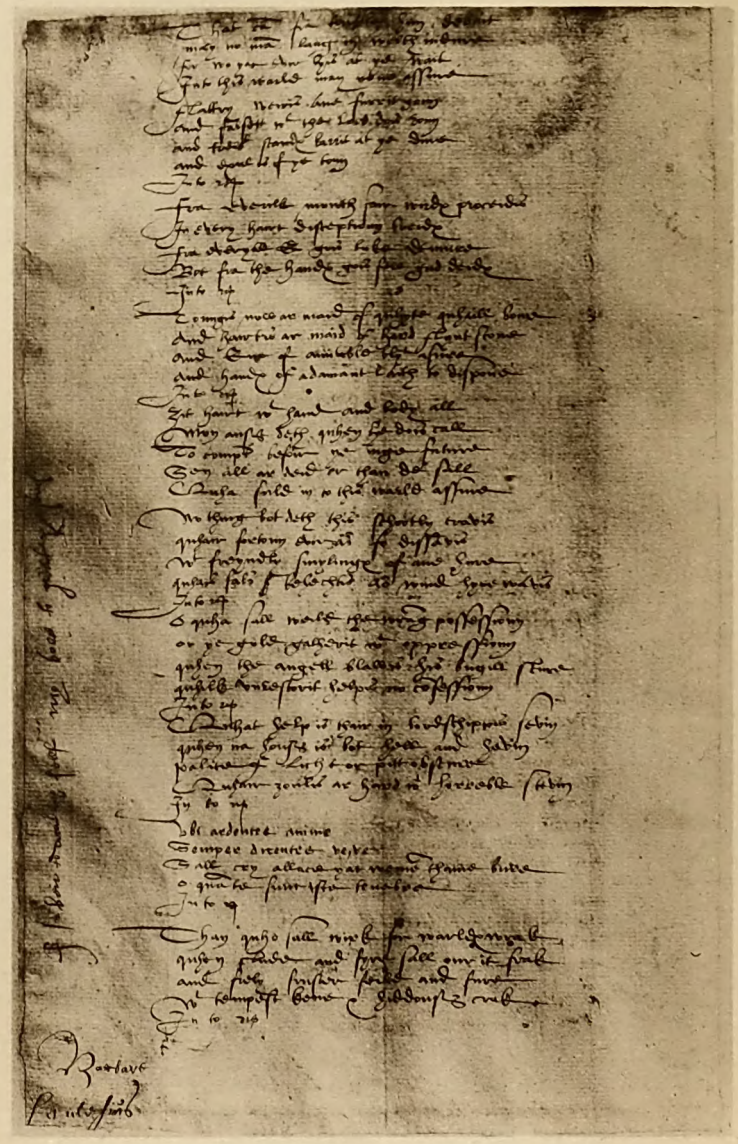

BANNATYNE MS., folio 84*b*.

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O quha sall weild the wra*n*g possessioun
or ꝑe gold gatherit w^{t} oppressioun
quhen the angell blawis his bugill sture
quhilk vnrestorit helpis no co*n*fessioun
In to *etc.*

Quhat help is thair in lordschippis sevin
quhen na houſs is bot hell and hevin
Palice of licht or pitt obscure
Quhair ȝoulis ar hard w^{t} horreble stevin
In to

Vbi ardentes anime
Semper dicentes ve ve
Sall cry Allace ꝑat wemen thame bure
o qua*n*te sunt iste tenebre
In to *etc.*

Than quho sall wirk for warld*is* wrak
quhen flude and fyre sall our it frak
and frely fruster feild and fure
W^{t} tempest kene & hiddouſs crak
In to *etc.*

Barbare foulesius
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Lord sen in tyme sa sone to cum
de terra surrectourus sum
reward me w^{t} non erdly cure
Tu regni [2] da Imperium
In to this warld may non assure

ffinis q dumbar

I forbeir to decat [1] my sellf my book to great personis

fol. 85 *a*

[1] *Sic.* [2] *Originally* regnum.

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Certane wyiſs sentences drawin
furth of the buik callit Morall philosafie

Off vertew

Vertew in all workis is gritly to be praysed
As the heid fontane and Iowall Moist precious
By vertew / ffreindschip and luve Is purchased
Vertew is a garment moist cumly and curious
To obtene vertew þairfoir be studious
for he þat luvis vyce and dois vertew detest
may weill be compared to a brutell best

Wisdome

Wisdome Is the moist hiche and devyne estait
the rute of all nobill and lawdable thingis
The grit gift of god most sweit and dilicait
The tre of all plesour þat in þe hairt springis
Quhois deir and denty fruct / the tung furth bringis
And thay that to wisdome thame selvis wald apply
Moist diligẽtly hant wyiſs cumpany

Pacienc

patience Is a vertew baith nobill and necessarie
appertenyng to þe Inward and exterior govirnãnce
patience Is a vincquisar of approved Iniuriie
A seure rolk of defence aganis all disturbance
This vertew *þair*foir to obtene / Gife diligẽt attendãnce
Be twa thingis thow salt lerne it to þi cõfort in distres
Ane vpricht conscience / And *con*stant estemy*ng* of gudnes

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Liberalitie

Liberalitie Is a certane mesure
That springeth of favour freindschip and amitie
Page 232 In geving or reseving land*is* or tresure fol. 85 *b*
Eftir a man*is* substance or habilitie
Bot cheifly in conforting the peur nydy
for that is liberalitie in verry deid
To help the peur miserable in tyme of neid

Certane sayingis of wyiſs philosopher*is*

Musonius

Gife that in vertew thow tak ony pane
the pane departith Bot the vertew remane
Bot gif thow haif plesur to do þat is ill
The plesour decayis Bot ill tareis still

Plato

It Is the *pair*te of him þat is wyiſs
Thingis to foirsie with diligen*t* awyiſs
Bot quhe*n* as thingis vnluckely dois frame
It becu*m*is the velȝea*n*t to suffer the same

Plato

To fen*ȝ*ie to flatter To glose & to lie
requyre cullo*r*is and word*is* fair & slie
Bot vttera*n*ce of trewth Is so sympill & plane
That it need*is* na [1] study to forge nor to fane

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Solon

To stryk ane vþir gife þat thow pretend
Think gif he stryk the Thow [1] wald the defend

Socrates

The freind*is* quhome proffeit or lucre encreſs
quhe*n* substance failis Thair freindschip ceſs
Bot freind*is* that ar cuplid with hairt & w^t^ luve
Nowþir feir nor fortoun nor force may remve

Socrates

Almes deliuerit to þe Indigent
Is lyk a medecyne gevin to þe Impotent
Bot to þe vnnedy a ma*n* to mak his dele
Is lyk the ministring of plaisters to þe hele

plato

that thing in a realme Is wirdy renoun
quhilk rysis vp richt and wrong dingis doun

Iff pitagoras

bettir it is for a man To be mvte
tha*n* w^t^ þe ignora*n*t mvche to dispute
and bettir it is to leive solitary
Than to Enhant mekle cumpany

ffinis

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Page 233 Be gratious ground and gate to sapience fol. 86 *a*
As sayis sanct dauid in his prophecye
Off god is dredo^{r} and intelligence
ane verrye way to lyfe eternallie
quhilk all of nocht hes maid ws marvelouslie
To his ymage and hevinlye portrato^{r}
Geving ws reasoun fre will and libertie
To regne abone all carnall creato^{r}

All thing in erd to ma*n*nis nurising
ffyre þe watter the tre the bestiall
The fische in flude the foull i*n* air fleing
Is ordanit be þe Lord celestiall
Syne finallie his gloir *per*petuall
Off quhilk þe ma*n* sall haif fruitioun
Clerelye seand be his eyne spirituall
His god / by fructuall conte*m*platioun

Sen god maid ma*n* / and hes him gevin his grace
Hes ordanit all to his felicitie
Quhy suld tha*n* ma*n* blunderit i*n* wardlynes
Misken his god throw vaine prosperitie
Blyndit be fortoun fuliche felicitie
Me*n* trowis þair lyfe salbe *per*petuall
Throw wardlye gloir to god þay haif nane E
Bound in boundage of bailfull baliall

Sen gratious god is ground of all guidnes
Thow michtie hie excellent prince preclare
and king of kingis lord of all but les
and hes þe figurate to his ymage fare
Peirles in pryce in pulchritude preclare
Crownit þe king owir all þis realme to ri*n*g
The to obey hes ordanit leſs and mair
Thow suld him loue abone all v*per* thing

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In god thre thingis scripture dois declare
Hie power sapience / and hie bonyte
Quhilk thing to everye king ar necessare
quho luiffis god / iustice and equite
swerd of honor power did signifie
The sceptor sapience / crown hie on þi heid
Abone all vþer takynnis bonyte
In thy realme qr thow suld iustice leid

The royall rob so riche of purpure blew
schawis þe ane king of iustice instrument
quhilk amang colouris is maist hevinlye hew
in signe thow suld be godlye in entent
The lynning quhyte presentis þe innocent
And signefeis of conscience clarite
He þat þir wantis is insufficient
And rycht vnworthie royall king to be

The schyre of stait betakynnis in deid
The trune triumphall of þe trinytie
Thy riall lordis richelye cled in weid
Off hevin ministeris / dois heir signifie
Quhilkis suld do iustice respondent to the
And thow to god sall anser for þame all
Page 234 Becaus he is the king of hevin so hie fol. 86 b
And in þis realme thow king is terrenall

Quhat is þe caus sic truble sic debait
Sic rugrie reif ryngis in þis regioun
The lordis in 3outh / to leir folye ar sett
swa wantis vertew and eruditioun
The pure than tholis grit oppressioun
The lord for vertew takis volupte
No difference puttis betuix reif and reasoun
How sould ane blind man / colouris estemie

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Quhat is þe caus of the abhominable state
Off kirkmen and þe bitter abusioun
The nobilles vertew hes intoxicate
and vitious fulis puttis to promotioun
Sum man servis ane blynd effectioun
Benefices gevis qr evir þai vacand be
It war far best þat sculis war cryit doun
and vertew rebell exilit þe cuntre

Sen vertew is the pretious propyne
And hevinlye gift of grite god eternall
Licht of þe saule be purveyaunce devyne
Cheif capitane in battall spirituall
Be quhilk men differris fra brute bestiall
Cauſs vertew rewll þi ryall regioun
Iustice triumphe in pece continuall
Or thy realme thole desolatioun

Walk now in tyme and but delay addreſs
Haue sum feir of infernall afflictioun
Tak *pairt* of pane trespassoris to repreſs
Lat nocht thy realme to *per*ditioun
With vertewous vysement counsall gude reasoun
Cauſs profound men of science and prudence
Iustice put charp to executioun
Off pure ay haifand reuthfull remembrance

Knaw thow þe subiect to þe king of glore
Ane subiect ay suld do commandement
Quhilk do þow nocht thow sall respond *pair*fore
Vpoun þe day of ferefull iust iugement
quhair everye mannis werkis and intent
Sall cleirlie kervit be befoir his E
ffor word for werk for deid and als consent
Befoir grit god thow sall accusit be

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Dreid god / be iust / beistlye blindnes assuage
king is bot ma*n* / and ma*n* is ay mortall
Constant faythfull beni*n*g w*t*out outrage
Brydill broukilnes glaid of guid counsall
Ryn nocht but reasoun / hate wordis criminall
Rewle thow by rycht / thy regalle maiestie
Thy realme beis riche / and iustice triu*m*phale
And eterne god sall evir thy rewlar be

ffinis·

Be rychtuus regent and wele exerce thy cure
Be christ co*m*mittit vnto thy regime*n*t
Be thy defalt thow lat na vyce indure
Page 235 Be to thy folk defence ay vigilent fol. 87 *a*
Be war for tinsale to keip be diligent
Be rekni*n*g rycht thow ma*n* gif compt of all
Be vertewus and vse this docume*n*t
Be reddye ay quhen evir the iuge will call

Aganis Pryde

Be nocht gevin to warldlie vane plesance
Be pryid blyndit thow sall repent it soir
Be verrie sicker It is bot variance
Begyland ma*n* and hes done euir moir
Be humyll in hart gif thow will grace implore
Be nevir o*r* hie for dreid thow eftir fall
Be reddye ay quhen evir *þ*e iuge will call

Aganis invye

Be Leill to god and to thy freind be kynde
Be perfyte lyfe / heir is no resting place

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Be blyith in hart na haitren*t* hald i*n* mynde
Be clene conscience detraction fra the chace
Be guid exemple als lang as thow hes space
Be mirro^{r} heir / sen thow art principall
Be cheretabill / and abill thy self to grace
Be reddye ay quhen evir þe iuge will call

Aganis Ire

Be pacient / quhen thow art movit to Ire
Be reasoun wirk þat wit oursett thy will
Be nocht malicious nor crewell of desyre
Be no occasioun of ma*n*nis blude to spill
Be sufferance thy purpois thow fulfill
Be wyiſs counsall tak ay thy gouernall
Be red for blame / w^{t} schame to hald þe still
Be reddye ay quhe*n*evir þe iuge will call

aganis sueirnes

Be war with deid defer nocht to þe end
Be weill occupyit / leif no guid werk vndone
Be nocht sleuthfull bot weill þi tyme expend
Be ay devote to him þat sittis abone
Be reddye ay to win þe hevinlye throne
Be adam forfalt by syn originall
Be him offendit / ame*n*d it I rede sone
Be reddye ay quhe*n* evir þe iuge will call

aganis auarice

Be nevir inclynit to wretchit awarice
Be foull desyre / the pepill to oppreſs

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Be Liberall / ay abhore w^t everye vyce
Be iust to pure / thy fame sall weill increſs
Be reuthfull ay q^r þow seis grit distres
Be lytill proud of guid*is* te*m*porall
Be all guid deid proceid / and no^t decreſs
Be reddye ay quhe*n* evir þe iuge will call

Aganis Licherye

Be nocht inclynd to fleschlie foull [1] delyte
Be sensuall lust / þi silly saule to sla
Be tempera*n*s refrane thy appetyte
Be chaste of lyfe / o^r sett thy mortall fa
Bethink the als of dreidfull domisda
Befoir þe warld quhair suffer schame thay sall
Be mome*n*t syn / to win eternall wa
Be reddye ay quhen evir þe iuge will call

Page 236 — Aganis Gluttonye — fol. 87 *b*

Be mesoure ay thy daylie fude thow tak
Be honest dyett thy croce to modefye
Be countena*n*ce thy custum vse to mak
Be clene fude leif / exerce no gluttonye
Be rewlit thus / heir is bot fantasye
Be ferme to him / and constant as ane wall
Be thow be deid / but pleid may magnefye
Thy saull in blis quhen evir he list to call

ffinis contra septe*m* peccata
mortalia

[1] desyre *deleted.*

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Be gouernoʳ baith guid and gratious
Be leill and luifand to thy liegis all
Be large of fredome and no thing desyrous
Be iust to pure for ony thing may fall
Be ferme of faith and constant as ane wall
Be reddye evir to stanche evill and discord
Be cheretabill and sickerlye thow sall
Be bowsum ay to knaw thy god and lord

Be nocht to proud of wardlie guidis heir
Be weill be thocht þai will remane na tyde
Be sicker als þat þow man die but weir
Be war þairwᵗ þe tyme will no man byde
Be vertewus and sett all vyce on syde
Be patient lawlie and misericord
Be rewlit so qʳ evir þow go or byde
Be bowsum ay to knaw thy god and lord

Be weill awysit of quhome þow counsale tais
Be sever of þame þat þai be leill and trew
Be think þe als quhidder þai be freindis or fais
Be to thy saull þair sawis or þow persew
Be nevir oʳ haistye to wirk and syne to rew
Be nocht þair freind / þat makis the fals record
Be reddye evir all guid workis to renew
Be bowsum ay to knaw thy god and Lord

Be traist and conquese thy awin heretage
Be ennemyes of auld now occupyit
Be strenth and force þow sobir þai man swage
Be law of god / þair may no man denyid
Be nocht as Lantern in mirknes vnspyit
Be thow in rycht þi Landis suld be restord
Be wirschop so thy name beis magnefeit
Be bowsum ay to knaw thy god and Lord

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Be to rebellis strong as lyoun eik
Be ferce to follow þame q^{r} evir thai found
Be to thy Liege me*n* bayth soft and meik
Be þair succo^{r} and help þame haill and sound
Be knaw thy cure and caus quhy thow was cround
Be besye evir / that iustice be nocht smord
Be blyith in hart þir wordis oft expound
Be bowsum ay to knaw thy god and Lord

ffinis q henrye stewart

This hindir ny^{t} neir by the hour of nyne
To bed I we*n*t As is my consuetud
I sanyt me and sone I slepit syne
Page 237 and as I tho^{t} ane lady be my [1]stud fol. 88 *a*
plesand but peir of port and pulcritud
W^{t} cristall corpis translucent as a glaſs
of alkin clething nakit and denud
Bair vnabulȝeit as scho borne waſs

Hir body bair wes bricht as beriall
and thru^{t} þe samy*n* as semit to my sicht
I mycht weill ressones on the wall
als weill as mony lampis had bene licht
I saw scho wes so wondirfull a wicht
I askit of hir name for cherite
debone*r*ly scho anse*r*it me þat bricht
And said thay call me lady varite

Quhilk fra thir bowndis lang hes [2]beneist bene
Nor heir my^{t} haif no rest nor residence
quhairthrow my freind*is* ar confundit clene
off the fell [3]falsheid throw thy offence

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Thy self is ane þat oft in myne absence
hes tholit pane / becaus thow tuk my pairte
Bot I sall mak the ryᵗtouſs recompence
quhe*n* fals folk sall forthink it at þair hairte

And quhen þat I *per*sauit in to plane
Dame verite my presens appeir
I salust hir as lady souerane
and hir besocht in maist hu*m*mill maneir
This caus [1] obscure to mak vnto me cleir
quhen sall the kyth þe cuntre of scotland
In p$\overline{\text{eax}}$ and rest and plenty *per*seueir
Wᵗ sic ordour as vsis in vþir land

Then said this bird of beuty maist benigne
Sone thow sall haif solutioun sufficie*n*t
quhen thir bairnis ar baneist fra ȝour king
fro counsale sessioun and *par*liame*n*t
off quhome þe names schortly subsequent
I sall declair dewly wᵗ diligence
Or I de*pair*te furᵗ of this place present
and thow þairto gife thy audience

ffirst wilfull wrang in ane widdy mon waif
and hid hatreit be hangeit by the heid
and ȝung counsale þat dois ȝow all dissaif
and singular proffeit stolling of the steid
dissimvlance þat dois ȝour lawis leid
fflatte*r*ry and falsheid þat ȝour fame hes fylit
and ignorance be put to beg thair breid
and all thair kin furᵗ of the court exylit

Than tressone mon be tronit to ane tre
and murthoʳ me*r*kit for his grit mischeif
and the foull feid that ȝe call symone
mon planely be depryvit wᵗout repreif

[1] os *deleted.*

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quhill this be done ȝe sall haif no releif
Page 238 Bot schamefull slawtir derth and indigens fol. 88 *b*
and tak this for thy anser in to breif
quhilk I the pray present vnto thy prence

ffor all this sort w^{t} schame mon be exylit
or than demanit As I haif deuysit
and vþir *per*sonis in to þair placis stylit
The quhilk sen flowdoun feild hes bene dispysit
in this cuntre And in all vþiris prysit
quhois names I sall cauſs the for to knaw
That thow may sleip *þairw*^{t} and be awysit
Syne bayth the sortis to thy souerane schaw

ffirst iustice / prudens / forſs / and temperans
W^{t} co*mm*ounweill and auld experience
concord / correctioun / cu*nn*yng and constans
Lufe / lawty / science / and / obedience
Gud conscience / trewth / and intelligence
m*er*cy / mesour / fay^{t} / houp / and cherite
Thir in his court mon mak residence
or ȝe gett plenty and prosperite

This being said this lady lumynoſs
ffra my presens hir persoun did depairt
and I awaikit and suddanly vproiſs
Syne tuk my pen and put all in report
As ȝe haif [1] hard *þair*foir I ȝow exhort
My souerane lord vnto this taile attend
and ȝow to serue seik suddanly this sort
Sen verite this counsale to ȝow send

And lat thir falty folk þat scho refusit
be flemit fra thair Infilicite
ffor ȝe w^{t} thame to lang hes bene abusit
and ȝour peple put to penurite

[1] hard *deleted.*

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Schaip sum remeid for godis deite
and lat no moir the weid ourga the corne
Do ȝe not sa ȝe sall accusit be
Afoir the king þat wore the croun of thorne

ffinis

Precellend prince havand prerogatyue
as rowy royall in this regioun to ring
I the beseik aganis thy lust to stryue
and loufe thy god aboif all maner of thing
And him imploir now in thy ȝeiris ȝing
To grant the grace thy folk to defend
quhilk he hes gevin the in gouerning
In p̄eax and honour to thy lyvis end

And sen tho standis in so tendir aige
That natur to the ȝit wosdome denyis
Thairfoir submit the to thy counsale seige
Page 239 and in all wayſs wirk as thay devyiſs fol. 89 a
Bot ovir all thing keip the fra cuvatyiſs
To princely honour gife thow wald pretend
be liberall Than sall thy fame vpryiſs
and wyn the honour to thy lyvis end

It þat thow gevis deliuer quhen thow hechtis
and suffir not thy hand Thy hecht delay
ffor than thy hecht and thy deliuerance fechtis
ffar bettir war thy hecht had biddin away
he aw me not That sayis me schortly nay
Bot he þat hechtis and cauſſs me attend
Syne gevis me not I may him repute ay
Ane vntrew dettor to my lyvis end

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Bettir is gut in feit nor cramp in handis
The falt of feit wt horſs thow may support
Bot quhen thyn handis ar bundin in wt bandis
Na surrigiane may cure þame nor confort
Bot thow thame oppin payntit as a port
And frely gife sic gudis as god þe send
Than may thay mend wtin ane sessone schort
and win the honour to þi lyvis end

Gif every man eftir his faculty
and wt discretioun thow dispone thy geir
Gife not to fulis / and cunnyng men ourse
Thot fulis roun and flatter in thyne eir
Gife not to thame þat dois thy sawis sueir
Gife to þame þat ar trew and constant kend
Than our all quhair thay sall thy fame furt beir
And win the honor to thy lyvis end

Sen thow art heid Thy leges memberis all
gevin be god to thy governance
Luke þat thow rewll the rute originall
Thatt in thy falt no member mak vþeris grevance
ffor quha can not him self gyd nor awance
quhy suld ane provynce do on him depend
To gyd him self þat hes na purveance
Wt pēax and honor to thy lyvis end

Dreid god do counsale / off thy leigeis leill
rewaird gud deid / Puneiſs all wrang and vice
The [1] that thy saw be sicker as thy seill
ffleme frawd and be defender of Iustyce
honour all tyme thy noble genetryce
obey the kirk / gif thow dois miſs amend
Sa sall thow win ane place in paradyce
And mak In erd ane honourable end

ffinis q w [2] stewart

[1] *Sic.* [2] *Interlined.*

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Suppoiſs I war in court most he
Tresting my stait wer evir sure
Tresting my felicite
mycht wex and wrang all creature
Page 240 Tresting in my nobilite fol. 89 *b*
Tresting my will suld evir indure
Syne lukis no^{t} to equite
Bot thame defend þat dois Iniure
Tha*n* war my wit blind and obscure
To haif sa prydfull ane consate
altho^{t} I had the realme in cure
I my^{t} haif truble in myne estate

In witnessing of lordis befoir
Than quhen in court thair fortoun rang
Thame self to landis thay wald restoir
offices takkis and castell*is* strang
Ilk ma*n* obeyand thair vane gloir
Be stark ma*n*rent w^{t} thame to gang
Tresting to stand for evirmoir
Thay dreid no^{t} god for to do wrang
Sum burn sum heid sum hang
Sum to deid put w^{t} fals dissait
and all this ȝit induris no^{t} lang
Bot þai wer wext in thair estait

God grant ȝour myndis to be set
ȝe lordis þat hes þe king in steir
That pure and riche may iustice get
and quha ar vext That ȝe thame heir
Bot and w^{t} wrang ȝe intromet
Chryst is of mycht als mekle this ȝeir
as he [1] befoir pryd to ourset
ffor he is lord haif ȝe no weir

[1] wes *deleted.*

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Thairfoir do ry^{t} and *per*seueir
ffor vþir hes bene als fortunate
as ȝe And stud w^{t} kingis als neir
ȝit [1] tint thair land*is* for falsate

ffinis *etc.*

Quhen doctouris prechit to win the joy eternall
Vnto the hevin eftir o^{r} lord*is* assense
Thay causit iustice but bud or fauour carnall
Thay causit be pvnist fleschly vyle offense
Consciens gaif banyfice to clerkis of conscience
and sa the feind had sic invy thairon
Gart skraip away of conscience the con
And sa behind wes levit bot science

Sciens Than wer all clerkis for science promovit
and thay þat wald to study maist apply
Bot ȝit the feind at science wes co*m*movit
Ens gart skraip away of science the sci
and sa levit Ens be his fals sle invy
Quhilk suld be for gold or geir exponit
quhairby benifice ar now of dayis disponit
But science or conscience for to sell & by

Page 241 O souerane lord and most excellant king fol. 90 *a*
gar put the con / and / sci / agane till ens
and rewll thy realme w^{t} iustice in thy ring
gife benifice to clerkis of consciens
off wisdome and hono^{r} to stand at thy defens
Se in thy court þat conscie*n*ce ay be clene

[1] hes *deleted*, ȝit *on margin.*

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ffor corruptioun befoir thy deyis hes bene
Aganis Iustice wt vþir grit offens

ffinis

ane new ȝeir gift to the quene mary
Quhen scho come first hame
1562

Welcum illustrat Ladye / and oure quene
Welcum oure Lyone with þe floure delyce
Welcum oure thrissill wt þe Lorane grene
Welcum oure rubent roiſs vpoun þe ryce
Welcum oure Iem and Ioyfull genetryce
Welcum oure beill of albion to beir
Welcum oure plesand princes maist of pryce
God gif þe grace aganis þis guid new ȝeir

This guid new ȝeir we hoip wt grace of god
Salbe of peax tranquillitie and rest
This ȝeir sall rycht and ressone rewle þe rod
Quhilk sa lang seasoun hes bene soir supprest
This ȝeir ferme fayt sall frelie be confest
And all erronius questionis put areir
To lauboure þat þis lyfe amang ws lest
God gif þe grace aganis þis guid new ȝeir

Heirfore addres the dewlie to decoir
and rewle thy regne wt hie magnificence
Begin at god to gar sett furth his gloir
And of his gospell gett experience
Caus his trew kirk be had in reuerence
So sall thy name and fame spred far and neir
Now this thy dett to do wt diligence
God gif þe grace aganis þis guid new ȝeir

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ffound on ȝe first four vertewus cardinall
On wisdome / iustice / force and te*m*pera*n*s
Applaud to prude*n*t me*n* / and pri*n*cipall
Off virtewus lyfe / thy wirschep till avance
Waye iustice equale w^{t}out discrepa*n*ce
Strenth thy estait w^{t} steidfastnes to steir
To temper tyme w^{t} trew continua*n*ce
God gife ȝe grace aganis ȝis guid new ȝeir

Cast thy consate be counsale of ȝe sage
and cleif to christ / hes kepit ȝe in cure
Attingent now / to twentye ȝeir of aige
Preservand ȝe fra all misave*n*ture
Wald thow be servit / and thy cu*n*tre sure
Still on ȝe co*m*moun weill haif E and eir
Preiß ay to be protectrix of ȝe pure
So god sall gyde thy grace this gude new ȝeir

Gar stanche all stryiff / and stabill thy estaitis
In constance . concord . cherite . and Lufe
Be bissie now to banisch all debatis
Page 242 Betuix kirkme*n* / and temporall me*n* dois mufe fol. 90 *b*
The pulling doun of policie reprufe
And lat perversit prelettis leif perqueir
To do ȝe best besekand god above
To gife the grace aganis ȝis guid new ȝeir

Att croce gar cry be oppin proclamatioun
Vndir grit panis ȝat nothir he nor scho
Off halye writ haif ony disputatioun
Bot letterit me*n* or lernit clerkis ȝa*ir*to
ffor Lymmer lawdis and litle lassis lo
Will argun*n* bay^{t} w^{t} bischop preist and freir
To dantoun ȝis thow hes aneuch to do
God gife ȝe grace aganis ȝis gude new ȝeir

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Bot wyte the wickit pastouris wald no^{t} mend
Thair vitious leving all þe warld prescryvis
Thai tuke na tent þair traik sould turne till end
Thai wer sa proud in þair prerogatyvis
ffor wa*n*tonnes thay wald no^{t} wed na wyvis
Nor ȝit leif chaste / bot chop and change þair cheir
Now to reforme þair fylthy licherous lyvis
God gife þe grace / aganis þis guid new ȝeir

Thai brocht þair bastardis / w^{t} þe skrufe thai skraip
To blande þair blude w^{t} barrownis be a*m*bitioun
Thai purchest pithles pardonis fra þe paip
To caus fond folis confyde he hes fruitioun
As god / to gif for synnis full remissioun
And saulis to saif frome suffering sorowis seir
To sett asyde sic sortis of superstitioun
God gife þe grace aganis þis gude new ȝeir

Thai lost baith benefice and pe*n*tioun þat mareit
And quha eit flesch / on frydayis was fyrefangit
It maid na miß quhat madi*n*nis þai miscareit
On fasting dayis þai wer no^{t} brint nor ha*n*git
Licence for luchrie fra þair lord belangit
To gif indulge*n*ce as þe devill did leir
To mend þat e menȝe hes samonye ma*n*git
God gif þe grace aganis þis guide new ȝeir

Thai lute thy liegis / pray to stokkis and stanes
And paintit paiparis / wattis nocht / quhat þai meine
Thai bad þame bek a*n*d bynge at deid me*n*nis banes
Offer on kneis to kiß / syne saif þair kin
Pilgrimes and palmaris past with þame betuene
Sanct blais / sanct boit / blait bodeis ein to bleir
Now to forbid þis grit abuse hes bene
God gife þe grace aganis þis guid new ȝeir

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Thai tyrit god with tryfillis tvme trentalis
and daisit him w^{t} daylie dargeis
With owklie abitis to augme*n*t þair re*n*talis
Mantand mort mvmlingis / mixt w^{t} monye leis
Sic sanctitude was sathanis sorcereis
Christis sillie scheip and sobir flok to smeir
To ceiſs all sindrye sectis of hereseis
God gif þe grace aganis þis guid new ȝeir

Page 243 With meſs nor matynes no wayis will I mell fol. 91 *a*
To iuge þame iustlie passis my ingyne
Thai gyde nocht Ill þat governis weill þame sell
and lelalie on lawtie layis þair lyne
Dowtis to discus / for doctouris ar devyne
Cunny*n*g i*n* clergie to declair þame cleir
To ordo^{r} this / The office now is thyne
God gife þe grace aganis þis gude new ȝeir

As beis takkis walx and honye of þe floure
So dois þe fay^{t}full of goddis [1] word tak frute
As waspis ressauis of þe same bot soure
So reprobatis christis buke dois rebute
Wordis w^{t}out werkis availȝeis no^{t} a cute
To seiſs thy [2] subiectis so in lufe and feir
That rycht and reasoun i*n* thy realme may rute
God gife þe grace aganis þis gude new ȝeir

The epistollis and eva*n*gelis now ar prechit
But sophistrie or ceremoneis vaine
Thy pepill / maist *þair*t trewlie now ar techit
To put away Idolatrie prophaine
Bot i*n* sum hartis / is gravit new agane
ane Image callit cuvatyce of geir
Now to expell þat Idoll standis vp plane
God gif þe grace / aganis þis gude new ȝeir

[1] g *deleted.* [2] þair *deleted, and* thy *interlined.*

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ffor sum ar sene at sermonis / seme sa halye
Singand sanct dauidis psalter on *þair* bukis
and ar bot biblistis fairsing full þair bellie
Bakbytand ny^{t}bo^{r}*is* noyand þame [1] in nwikis
Ruging and raifand vp kirk re*n*tis lyke ruikis
as werrie waspis / aganis goddis word makis weir
Sic christianis to kis w^{t} chauceris kuik*is*
God gife þe grace aganis þis gude new ȝeir

Dewtie and dettis ar drevin be dowbilnes
Auld folkis ar flemit fra ȝung fay^{t} professo^{r}*is*
The grittest ay / The grediar I geſs
To plant quhair preistis and *per*sonis wer possesso^{r}*is*
Teindis ar vptane be testame*n*t tra*n*sgresso^{r}*is*
Credence is past / Off promeiſs tho^{t} thai sweir
To punisch papistis / and reproche oppressouris
God gif þe grace aganis þis gude new ȝeir

Pure folk ar famist / w^{t} þir fassionis new
Thai faill for falt þat had befoir at fouth
Leill labouraris Lame*n*tis / and tenne*n*tis trew
That þai ar hurt and hareit north and south
The heidisme*n* hes cor mu*n*dum i*n* þair mouth
Bot nevir w^{t} mynd to gif þe ma*n* his meir
To quenche þir que*n*t calamiteis so cowth
God gife þe grace aganis þis gude new ȝeir

Protestandis takis þe freiris auld antetewme
Reddie ressauaris / bot to rander nocht
So lairdis vpliftis me*n*nis leising ouir thy rewme
And ar rycht crabit quhe*n* þai crave þame ocht
Page 244 Be thai vnpayit / thy pursevandis ar socht fol. 91 *b*
To pund pure co*m*munis corne and cattell keir
To wisy all þir wra*n*gus workis ar wrocht
God gife þe grace aganis þis gude new ȝeir

[1] þame *deleted.*

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Paull biddis nocht deill wt thingis Idolatheit
Nor qr hypocrasie hes bene committit
Bot kirk mennis cursit substance semis sweit
[1] Till laud men wt þat leud burd lyme ar byttit
Giff thow persave sum seniȝeour it hes smittit
Solist þame softlie not to perseveir
Hurt not þair honor thot thy hienes wittit
Bot gratiouslie forgife thame þis gude ȝeir

ffoirgifanis grant with glaidnes and gude will
Gratis till all [2] into ȝor parliament [3]
Syne stabill statutis / steidfast to stand still
That barrone clerk and burges be content
Thy nobillis / erlis / and Lordis consequent
Treit tendir / to obtene þair hartis inteir
That þai may serve and be obedient
Vnto thy grace / Aganis þis gude new ȝeir

Sen so thow sittis in saitt superlatywe
Caus everye stait to þair vocatioun go
Scolastik men / þe scriptouris to descrywe
And maiestratis to vse þe swerd also
Merchandis to trafique / and travell to and fro
Mechanikis wirk husbandis to saw and scheir
So salbe welth / and weilfaire wtout wo
Be grace of god aganis þis guid new ȝeir

Latt all thy realme be now in reddines
With coistlie clething to decoir thy corſs
ȝung gentilmen for dansing þame addreſs
With courtlie Ladyes cuplit in consorſs
ffrak ferce gallandis for feild gemmis enforſs
Enarmit knychtis at listis wt scheild & speir
To fecht in barrowis bayt on fute and horſs
Agane thy grace gett ane guid man þis ȝeir

[1] Gif thow *per*save *deleted.* [2] i*n par*liament *deleted.*
[2–3] *In different coloured ink, but in same hand.*

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This ȝeir salbe Imbassattis heir belyffe
ffor mariage frome pri*n*ces dukis and kingis
This ȝeir w^t^in thy regioun sall aryse
Rowtis of þe ra*n*kest þat in Europ ringis
This ȝeir bay^t^ blythnes / and abundance bringis
Naveis of schippis outthro^t^ þe sea to sneir
With riches rayme*n*tis / and all royall thingis
Agane thy grace get ane gude ma*n* þis ȝeir

Giffe sawis be suth to schaw thy celsitude
quhat berne sould bruke all bretane be þe see
The prophecie expreslie dois / conclude
The frensch wyfe of þe brucis blude suld be
Thow art be lyne / fra him þe nynte degree
And wes king frances pairty / maik and peir
So be discence / þe same sowld spring of þe
By grace of god agane þis gude new ȝeir

Schortlie to concluid on christ cast thy confort
And chereis þame / þat thow hes vnder charge
Page 245 Suppone maist sure he sall þe send support fol. 92 *a*
and Len þe Lustie liberos at large
Beleif þat lord may harbary so thy bairge
To mak braid britane / blyth as bird on breir
And þe extoll w^t^ his triu*m*phand targe
Wictoriuslie agane þis guid new ȝeir

Lenvoy

Prudent . maist gent / tak tent / and prent þe wordis
Intill / this bill / with will . thame still to face
Quhilkis [illegible] / no^t^ skar . to bar on far fra bawrdis
Bot leale / but feale / may haell / avaell thy grace
Sen Lo . thow scho . þis to . now do . hes place
Resaif swaif and haif . ingraif it heir

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This now for prow . þat þow . sweit dow may brace
Lang space . wt grace . solace and peace þis ȝeir

Lectori

ffresch fulgent . flurist . fragrant flour formois
Lanterñ . to lufe . of Ladeis Lamp and lot
Cherie . maist chaist . cheif charbucle and chois
Smaill sweit smaragde / smelling but smit of smot
Noblest natorr nurice to nurtour not
This dull indyte dulce dowble dasy deir
Send be thy sempill servand sanderris scott Alexr Scot[1]
Greting grit god to grant thy grace gude ȝeir

ffinis

The rich[2] fontane of hailfull sapience
Wyse salamone in his prowerbis previs
ane potent prince of superne excellence
off iustice homege is quhair euir he beis
In þe quhilk homoge ilk man his manis seis
conformyng þame vnto his gyding all
Is said in storeis of antiquiteis
The heid The membris followis grit & small

Be he of vertew and eruditioun
full of prudens and magnanimitie
Inclynit haill to iustice and ressoun
Ilk man will preiß quha can most vertewis be
Be he effeminat gevin to volupte
quhilk is a pestilens rycht contagious
In to a prince of grit nobilite
his subiectis all beis wyll and vicius

[1] *Another and later hand.* [2] *Originally* richtouß, touß *deleted.*

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Sen sa it is ryt potent prince preclair
of this haill realme the weilfair is in the
Thow art so neidfull and so necessair
That it out the can not rewlit be
arme the wt vertew proudens & ressone all thre
Defend thy realme be reddy at all houris
To ryd to rin þat wickit men puneist be
as befoir did þi noble progenitoris

Page 246 Luve thy god attour all erdly thing fol. 92 *b*
quhilk hes the maid a plesand creature
abuf all vþeris hes ordanit [1] the [2] to ring
in to þis realme as king of grit honour
Nothing defalkis [3] thow suld haif be natour
pleiſs thow him not quhilk putis the in sait so he
as equall juge both to rich and pure
Befoir grit god thow sall accusid be

All morall vertew ar neidfull in to a king
ffortitud but prudens is verry tirrany
Prudens but iustice is reput for no thing
Iustice but temperance is bot crudelite
Temperans is not bot liberalite
Amang all vertew Iustice is lawreat
And prince of Iustice The verry Image suld be
The quhilk but vertew is blind and obsecat

Ane ryell prince þat all hes vndir cure
first suld considdir quhay iust is and prudent
Quha of ingyne Quha can him do plesure
Quhay of knawlege and quhay is ignorant
Quhay scharp in word and in deid negligent
Quha mair to geir nor till his honor hes E
Quha can speik fair and hes a fals intent
Quha fenȝeit flechoris of Iniquite

[1] honorrit *deleted, and* ordanit *interlined.* [2] heir *deleted.* [3] s *deleted.*

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Quhen thow Ingyne / maner / and conditioun
off euery man hes tane experiance
Than of law the administratioun
To prudent men committ in gouernance
Quilkis ar kend and knawin of conscience
And wt budis will not corruptit be
ffor plato sayis ane *per*relus pestilens
Ane sowkand Iuge off v*per* mens geir grede

Thow seis ane suerd in ane wod mans hand
quhilk for the tyme wantis vsage and ressoun
Nowdir gud nor evill spairis but demand
Iust and Iniust putis to confusioun
So is ane Iuge wtowt intellectioun
Quhilk in his hand beiris the suerd of Iustice
quhen he suld strek hes no cognitioun
Bot as ane blindman wauerand on the yse

Nobillis of vertew and eruditioun
ane ryell prince suld ay maist magnife
Not be affectuall cognitioun
owdir be blud or consanguinite
Bot quhome he knawis of wisdome & bonte
ffor ane noble of blud þat hes no vertousnes
drownand in vice & perniciosite
is evin bot as a schaddow in a glaſs

Thy pastyme suld oft be in commonyng
Wt profound clerkis of science and prudens
Page 247 ffor cunnyng termes offeris [1] in a king fol. 93 *a*
quhilk suld be polyt and of eloquence
In hering wysmen Men gettis sapience
Wtout the quhilk is no stabilite
Thairfoir in tyme thow get intelligence
Or ellis thy Wisdome sall in seiking be

[1] not *deleted*.

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[1] Eftir þi meit of instrumentis muisicall
Thow suld be fed wt plesand armony
quhilk is exercitioun most regall
Lichtis the mynd plesand to heir & se
attour all thing in musik cunnand be
quhilk ornat homeir decoir of discepling
ane kendill of curage off rankour Inneme
musik callit wirthy for ony king

Dreid god be iust and ferme in cherite
Vile lust refrene constant but variance
ffaytfull but fictioun ffull of benignite
plane in thy wordis vse no dissimulance
patient / prudent / vse all magnificence
gyd thow wt counsale thy ryall maieste
off warldly gudis sall thow haif haboundance
and gratius god sall ay thy gyder be

ffinis q mr aleixr kid

Iesu chryst þat deit on tre
Send ws thy grace doun frome the hevin
as thow was borne of a virgin fre
Keip ws fra deidly synnis sevin
We ar ay wauerand od and evin
Suddanly slane wt speir & scheild
we haif no man the law to nevin
allace or king is not of eild

Lord god eternall and fader most deir
That maid þis warld & ws of not
3e heir þe prayer of þe pure
That sittis & sichis wt sorrow socht

[1] Off *deleted.*

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The leill men þat for þair levingis wrot
ar ransonit rudly euery deill
Tane & presonit slane & brocht
for saik or king is not of eild

We haif no man to plenȝe to bot ȝow
ffor it wes thow þat coft ws deir
Thay leif ws nowdir cow nor ȝow
stirk nor staig horſs nor meir
The lordis will not our complaint heir
Our barnis lyis nakit on the feild
The commonis makis ane hiddous beir
Becaus our *etc.*

I call þat counsall not worth a prene
That to *þair* kinryk makis no correctioun
Thot we ws help it is no wene
Thay will not sit to heir or actioun
Saifgaird nor *þair* grit protectioun
To ws is nowdir help nor beild
Trew men can gett no satisfactioun
Becaus or king *etc.*

Page 248 Thot we haif regentis in this realme fol. 93 *b*
ane or ma and sindre diuers
We wait not quhome to we sall complene
quhen thevis and reveris ws disprysis
The leill men all in sic perrell lyis
That thay ar losit & chesit or feild
gart thig thair meit bayth barnis & wyffis
for saik or king is not of eild

This kinryk wantis bot a man
þat held ws ay in rest & pese
That wareit feild we may sair ban
quhair did or wirthy prince decese

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The lord*is* all ar full of cuvatyse
That cauſſ ws for to be keild
Tho^{t} thay anuch of riches heſ
allace o^{r} king *etc.*

The chancellar a*n*d the chalme*r*lane
The regent & the protectouris
The mekle deill be of þame fane
That giffis sic licens to delato^{r}*is*
To theif & revir to be [1] victouris
W^{t}in this realme for to ring in beild
and leill me*n* to be sesit as tratouris
Becaus o^{r} *etc.*

I byd to mak no langar proceſſ
Bot herkin to þe indirend
quha coppeis this w^{t} sindre vociſſ
and mak*is* this wret for to be kend
Quha tak*is* bud*is* thame to defend
and cauſſ falsheid to be heild
Thay sall murne quhe*n* thay ma no^{t} me*n*d
quhe*n* evir god send*is* our king to eild

ffinis

Now is o^{r} king in tendir aige
chryst conserf him in his eild
To do iustice bath to ma*n* & pege
That garris our land ly lang onteild
Tho^{t} we do dowble pay thair wege
pur co*m*monis presently now ar peild
Thay ryd about in sic a rege
be firth forrest & feild

[1] haif thair *deleted, and* be *interlined.*

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Wt bow buklar and brand
Lo quhair thay ryd in till or ry
The diuill mot sane ȝone company
I pray fro many hairt trewly
Thus said Iok vpalland

He þat wes wont to beir the barrowis
betuix the baikhouſs & the brewhouſs
on twenty schilling now he tarrowis
To ryd the he gait by the plewis
Bot wer I king bvnd haif gud fallowis
Page 249 In norroway thay suld heir of newis fol. 94 a
I suld him tak and all his marrowis
and hing þame heich vpoun ȝone hewis
and þarto plichtis my hand
Thir lordis & barronis grit
Vpoun ane gallowis suld I knit
That this doun treddit hes our quhit
This said Iohine vponland

Wald the lordis þe [1] lawis [2] þat leidis
To husband*is* do gud ressone & skill
To chiftanis *þair* chiftanis be the heidis
and hing þame heich vpoun ane hill
Tha*n* micht husba*ndis* lawbor þair steid*is*
and preistis myt pattir & pray thair fill
ffor husband*is* suld not haif sic pleid*is*
bayth scheip and nolt mycht ly full still
and stakis still mycht stand
ffor sen thay red ama*ng* or durris
Wt splent on spald and rousty spurris
Thair grew no fruct in till our furris
Thus said Iohine vp on land

[1] þat *deleted, and* þe *interlined.*
[2] dois *deleted.*

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Tak a pure man a scheip or two
for hungir or for falt of fude
To fyve or sex bairnis or mo
Thay will him hing wt raipis rud
Bot and he tak a flok or two
a bow of ky and lat thame blud
full falsly may he ryd or go
I wait not gif thir lawis be gud
I schrew þame first þame fand
Iesu for thy holy passioun
Thow grant him grace þat weiris the croun
To ding thir mony kingis doun
Thus said Iohine vponland

ffinis

Rolling in my remembrance
of court the daylie variance
me think he suld be callit wise
That first maid this allegence
Bettir hap to court nor gud seruiſs

ffor sum man to the court pretendis
and þat his freindis wan / he spendis
howping in honour to vpriſs
Syne wrechitly but guerdoun wendis
Bettir hap to court nor gud seruiſs

And sum dois to the court repair
Wt empty purſs and clethis full bair
ȝit he in riches multepliſs
That he levis thowsandis to his air [1]
Bettir hap to court nor gud seruiſs

[1] *Originally* airis, is *deleted.*

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Page 250 Sum seruis weill and haldis him still fol. 94 *b*
Putting all in his maisteris will
Bot sic vnseruit ar oft syiſs
quhen grokaris gettis þat thay serue ill
Throw hap and for no gud seruiſs

Sum takis reward at þair awin handis
Off king and quenis pro*per* landis
Bot fast for thame the gallouſs cryiſs
That our lang soliter it standis
But thame þat dois sic seruiſs

Sum gettis giftis and guerdoun greit
That nevir did for gud seruice sueit
Sum gettis buddis sum benifyiſs
And sum dois foly conterfeit
and wy*n*nis mare nor gud seruiſs

Sum gettis at ȝule sum gettis at peſs
Sum tynis syiſs and wy*n*nis bot eſs
Sum to the diuill givis the dyiſs
That he can nevir win na grace
nowdir throw hap nor gud seruiſs

Rewaird in court is delt so evin
Sum gettis þat micht suffeiſs sevin
and v*per* sum in langour lyiſs
makand ane murmo^{r} to the hevin
That they get no^{t} for gud seruyiſs

The ny^{t} the court sum gydis clene
Thairin þe morne dar no^{t} be sene
mair than the deuill in paradyiſs
nor speik ane word w^{t} king nor quene
Tho^{t} he maid nevir so gud seruyiſs

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Chryst bring our king to *per*fyt ege
With wit fra ȝowthis fellon rege
To help thame þat in him affyiſs
And pay ilk man thair conding wege
According to thair gud seruyiſs

ffinis

Schir ȝit remembir as of befoir
how þat my ȝowth I done forloir
in ȝour seruice wt pane and greif
gud ȼonsciens cryis reward þairfoir
Exceſs of thot dois me mischeif

ȝour clerkis ar seruit all about
And I do lyk ane reid halk schout
To cum to lure þat hes no leif
quhair my plu*mm*yis begy*n*is to brek out
Exceſs of thot Dois me mischeif

Page 251 fforsett is ay þe falconis kynd fol. 95 *a*
Bot euir the mittane is hard in mynd
of quhome the gled dois prectikis preif
The gentill goishalk gois vnkynd
Exceſs of thot dois me mischeif

The pyet wt hir pretty cot
fenȝeis to sing þe nychtingalis not
Bot scho can nevir the corchat cleif
ffor harsknes of hir carlich throt
Exceſs of thot dois me mischeif

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Ay farest faderis hes farrest fowlis
Suppois thay haif no sang bot ȝoulis
in siluer caigis þai sit at cheif
Kynd natyve nest dois clek bot owlis
Exceſs of thoᵗ *etc.*

O gentill egill how may this be
That of all fowlis dois heest fle
ȝour legis quhy will ȝe noᵗ releif
And chereiſs eftir thair degre
Exceſs

Quhe*n* se*r*uit is all vdir ma*n*
gentill and semple of euery clan
Kyne of rauf colȝard and Iohine the reif
Na thing I get na conquest than
Exceſs of thoᵗ *etc.*

Thoᵗ I in court be maid refuſs
and haif few vertewis for to ruſs
ȝit am I cu*m*in of adame & eif
and fane wald leif as vderis doiſs
Exceſs *etc.*

Or I suld leif in sic mischance
gife it to god war no grevance
To be a pykth*a*nk I wald preif
ffor thay in warld wantis no plesans
Exceſs of thoᵗ dois me mischeif

In sum *pair*te on my self I plenȝe
quhen vdir folkis dois flattir and fenȝe
Allace I can bot ballattis breif
Sic bairneheid biddis[1] my brydill renȝe
Exceſs *etc.*

[1] b *deleted.*

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I grant my seruice is bot licht
Thairfoir of mercy and not of richt
I ask 3ow ser no man to greif
Sum medecyne gife þat 3e micht
Exceſs *etc.*

May nane remeid my melady
Sa weill as 3e ser veraly
ffor wt a benifice 3e may preif
and gif I mend not hestely
Exceſs

I wes in 3owth on nureiſs kne
Page 252 Dandely bischop dandely fol. 95 *b*
and quhen þat ege now dois me greif
Ane semple vicar I can nocht be
Exceſs of thot dois me mischeif

Iok þat wes wont to keip the stirkis
Can now draw him ane cleik of kirkis
With ane fals cairt in to his sleif
Worth all my ballattis vndir the birkis
Exceſs of thot *etc.*

Twa curis or thre hes vpolandis michell
With dispensationis bund in a knitchell
Thot he fra nolt had new tane leif
He playis wt totum and I with nichell
Exceſs *etc.*

How suld I leif þat is not landit
Nor 3it wt benifice am I blandit
I Say not ser 3ow to repreif
Bot doutles I ga rycht neir hand it
Exceſs *etc.*

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As saule is heir in purgatory
Leving in pane and houp of glory
Seand my self I haif beleif
In howp ser of ȝour adiutory
Exceſs of thot dois me mischeif

ffinis q dumbar

Lerges / Lerges / lerges ay
Lerges of this new ȝeirday

ffirst lerges the king my cheife
quhilk come als quiet as a theif
And in my hand sled[1] schillingis tway
To put his lergnes to preif
ffor lerges of this new ȝeirday

Syne lerges of my lord chancellar
quhen I to him ane ballat bare
he sonȝeit not nor said me nay
bot gaif me quhill I wad had mair
ffor lergenes *etc.*

Off galloway the bischop new
furt of my hand ane ballat drew
and me deliuerit[2] wt delay
ane fair kaiknay but hyd or hew
for *etc.*

Off croce the abbot ȝing
I did to him ane ballat bring
Bot or I past far him fray
I gat na les nor deill a thing
ffor *etc.*

[1] sle *deleted.* [2] hestely *deleted.*

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Page 253 The secretar bayth war and wyse fol. 96 *a*
hecht me ane kast of his offyse
and for to reid my bill alsway
he said for him þat micht suffyse
ffor lerges of this new ȝeirday

The thesaur and compttrollar
Thay bad me cum I wait no^{t} quhair
and thay suld gar I wait no^{t} quhay
gif me I wat no^{t} quhat ffull fair
ffor lerges *etc.*

Now lerges of my lordis all
bayth temporall stait and spirituall
my self sall euir sing and say
I haif thame found so liberall
O lerges *etc.*

ffowll fall this frost þat is so fell
it hes the wyt the trewth to tell
Baith hand*is* and purſs it bindis sway
Thay may gife ne thing by thame sell
ffor lerges *etc.*

Now lerges of my lord bothwell
The quhilk in fredome dois excell
he gaif to me ane cursour gray
Worth all this sort þat I with mell
ffor *etc.*

grit god releif m*ar*garet our quene
for and scho war as scho hes bene
scho wald be lerger of lufray
Than all the laif þat I of mene
ffor lerges of this new ȝeirday

q stewart

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Sr sen of men ar diuerſs sortis
and diuerſs pastymes and disportis
According ar for ilk degre
All thy trew lieges the exortis
To knaw thy ryall maiestie

And mark in thy memoriall
Thy predecessoris parentall
quhais fructouſs fatis and deidis he
makis þair fame perpetuall
Throw potent princely matie

Sen throw þe erd in lenth and breid
Thow art þe most illustir leid
and most preclair of progenie
Think þairvpoun and cauſs thy deid
appreif thy princely mtie /

And play not bot at honest playis
as princis vsit afoir thy dayis
halking hunting and archery
Iusting And cheiſs þat none gane sayis
Vnto þi princely maiestie

Page 254 To play wt dyce nor cairtis accordis fol. 96 b
to the bot wt thy noble lordis
or wt the quene thy moder fre
To play wt pure men disaccordis
and maris thy ryall matie

Bot gif thow think quhen tho begynnis
To gif agane all þat thow wynnis
To þame abowt þat serwis the
To hald sic wynning Schame and syn is
And far fra princely mtie /

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Ane prudent prince eik suld be war
And for no play the tyme diffar
Quhen he suld godis serwice se
And gif he dois weill say I dar
he hurtis his ryall maiestie

To princis eik it is ane vice
Till vse playing for cuvatyce
To ryd or rin our rekleslie
or slyd wt lads vpoun þe yce
Accords not for þair maiestie

Think þat thair is ane king of kings
our heving erd and hell þat ringis
Quhilk wt the twynkling of ane E
ma do and vndo all kyn thingis
So mervellus is his maiestie

Se thow pray to þat samyne King
Going to bed and vprysing
Thy gyd and gouernour ay to be
Quha grant the grace to ryſs and ring
Wt micht to ryall maiestie

ffinis q Stewart to þe kings
Grace

Page 255 fol. 97 *a*

Heir endis the second *pairte* of this buke

Sould I wrestle in dispair, die becaus a Womans fair
Sall my cheiks Wax paille With cair 'cauſs an vther rosy ar
Be she fairer þn the day or the flourie Meids in May
If she be not so to me qt cair I how fair she be

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Sall my foolish hart be pynd caůſs I see a Woman kind
Or meik disposed nature joyned W^th^ a comelie statůre
Be she meiker kynder þ^n^ turtle dow or pelican
If she be not so to me q^t^ cair I how kind she be

Sall a Woman sueit of voyce mak my foolische hart rejoyce
Or the pleasour*is* of hir toůng be the mein*is* to do me wrong
If she had so sueit a mind aboue the race of Woman kind
If she be not so to me q^t^ cair I how sueit she be. ✚

Heir begynnys the thrid pairt of this buik
Contenand ballettis mirry [1] and
Vther solatius co*n*saittis [2] set furth be
Diuers ancient poyettis 1568

✚ Sall a Womans goodness move me to perische for hir love
Or a Woman*is* merit*is* knawin caůſs me quyt forgett my awin
Be she wth that goodness blest as may merite name of best
If she be not so to me q^t^ cair I how guid she be.

Sall a Woman trewlie wyiſs draw amazment from myne eyes
Wondring þ^t^ from sůche a creatoůr Wisdome thus sould come by nature
And comprehend the best of thingis þ^t^ from the Well of Wisdome springis
If she be not so to me q^t^ cair I how Wyse she be.

This is very modern, being a
Song of George Withers's put
into Scotish Idiom [3]

[1] ballattis *deleted.* [2] o *deleted.* [3] *Pencilled note.*

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Page 256 fol. 97 *b*

Hermes the philosopher

Be mirry and glaid honest and vertewous
ffor that suffisis to anger the Invyous

Page 257 Be mirry ma*n* and tak no^{t} far in mynd fol. 98 *a*
The wawering of this wrechit warld of sorrow
To god he hvmill and to thy freynd be kynd
And w^{t} thy ny^{t}bouris glaidly len and borrow
His chance to ny^{t} it may be thyne to morrow
Be blyth in hairt for ony aventure
For oft w^{t} wysme*n* it hes bene said a forrow
W^{t}out glaidnes awailis no tressour

Mak the gud cheir of it þat god the send*is*
for warld*is* wrak but weilfair No^{t} awailis
Na gude is thyne saif only bot thow spendis
remena*n*t all thow brukis bot w^{t} bailis
Seik to solace quhe*n* sadnes the assailis
In dolour lang thy lyfe ma no^{t} indure
quhairfoir of confort set vp all thy sailis
W^{t}out glaidnes availis no tresour

Follow on petie fle truble and debait
W^{t} famows folkis hald thy cu*m*pany
be charitabill and humyll in thyne estait
For warldly hono^{r} lestis bot a cry
For truble in erd tak no mallancoly
Be riche in patience gif thow in gud*is* be pure
quho levis mirry he levis michtely
W^{t}out glaidnes availis no tresour

Thow seis thir wrechis sett w^{t} sorrow and cair
To gaddir gudis in all thair lyvis space

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And quhen thair baggis ar full thair selfis ar bair
and of thair richeſs bot the keping heſs
quhill vþiris cum to spend it þat hes grace
quhilk of thy wynning no labour had nor cure
Tak thow example and spend wt mirrineſs
Wtout glaidnes *etc.*

Thot all the werk þat evir had levand wicht
Wer only thyne no moir thy pairt dois fall
bot meit drynk clais and of the laif a sicht
3it to þe iuge thow sall gif compt of all
Ane raknyng rycht cumis of ane ragment small
be Iust and Ioyws and do to non ingure
Page 258 And trewt sall mak the strang as ony wall fol. 98 *b*
Wtout glaidneſs availis no tresure

q dumbar

Full oft I mvſs and hes in thot
How this fals warld is ay on flocht
quhair no thing ferme is nor degest
And quhen I haif my mynd all socht
For to be blyth me think it best

This warld evir dois flicht and wary
ffortoun sa fast hir quheill dois cary
Na tyme bot turne can tak rest
for quhois fals change suld none be sary
ffor to be blyt me thynk it best

Wald men considdir in mynd rycht weill
or fortoun on him turn hir quheill
That erdly honour may not lest
His fall leſs panefull he suld feill
ffor to *etc.*

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Quha[1] w[t] this warld dois warsill and stryfe
and dois his dayis in dolour dryfe
Tho[t] he in lordschip be possest
he levis bot ane wrechit lyfe
For to be bly[t] *etc.*

Off warldis gud and grit richeſs
quhat fruct hes ma*n* but mirineſs
Tho[t] he this warld had eist and west
all wer pouertie but glaidneſs
for to be blyth me thynk it best

Quho suld for tynsall drowp or de
for thyng that is bot vanitie
Sen to þe lyfe þat evir dois lest
Heir is bot twynklyng of ane E
for to be bly[t] me think it best

Had I for warld*is* vnkyndneſs
In hairt tane ony havineſs
Or fro my plesans bene opprest
I had bene deid langsyne dowtleſs
for to *etc.*

How evir this warld do change and vary
Lat ws in hairt nevir moir be sary
bot evir be reddy and addrest
To paſs out of this frawd[2]full fary
For to be bly[t] me think it best

etc. q dunbar

[1] *Originally* Quhen. [2] d *interlined.*

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Page 259 Was nevir in scotland hard nor sene fol. 99 *a*
Sic dansing nor deray
Nowthir at falkland on the grene
Nor peblis at the play
As wes of wowaris as I wene
At chryst kirk on ane day
Thair come our kitteis weschin clene
In thair new kirtillis of gray full gay
At chrystis kirk of the grene

To dans thir damysellis thame dicht
Thir laſſs licht of laitis
Thair gluvis wes of ꝑe raffell rycht
Thair schone wes of ꝑe straitis
Thair kirtillis wer of lynkome licht
Weill prest w^{t} mony plaitis
Thay wer so nyſs quhen men thame nicht
Thay squeilit lyk ony gaitis / so lowd
At chrystis kirk of ꝑe grene ꝑ^{t} day

Off all thir madynis myld as meid
Wes nane so gympt as gillie
As ony roſs hir rude wes reid
Hir lyre wes lyk the lillie
fow ȝellow ȝellow wes hir heid
bot scho of lufe wes sillie
Tho^{t} all hir kin had sworn hir deid
Scho wald haif bot sweit willie / Allone
At chrystis kirk *etc.*

Scho skornit Iok and skraipit at him
and mvrionit him w^{t} mokkis
he wald haif luvit scho wald no^{t} lat him
for all his ȝalow loikkis
he chereist hir scho bad ga chat him

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Scho compt him no^{t} twa clokkis
So schamefully his schortgoun set him
His ly*m*mis wes lyk twa rokkis / Scho said
At chrystis kirk *etc.*

Thome lular wes thair menstrall meit
O lord as he cowd lanſs
he playit so schill and sang so sweit
quhill towsy tuke a tranſs
Auld lychtfute *þair* he did[1] forleit
And counterfutit franſs
he vse him self as man discreit
And vp tuk moreiſs danſs full lowd
At chrystis kirk *etc.*

Page 260 Than stevin come stoppand in w^{t} stendis fol. 99 *b*
No rynk mycht him arreist
Platfute he bobbit vp w^{t} bend*is*
for mald he maid requeist
He lap quhill he lay on his lendis
Bot rysand he wes preist
quhill þat he oistit at bath þe end*is*
For hono^{r} of þe feist / that day *etc.*
At *etc.*

Syne robene roy begow^{t} to revell
And Dwny till him druggit
Lat be q Iok and cawd him Iavell
And be the taill him tuggit
The kensy cleikit to þe cavell
Bot lord than gif thay luggit
Thay pairtit hir manly w^{t} a nevell
god wait gif hair wes ruggit / betuix thame
At chrystis kirk *etc.*

[1] *Interlined.*

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Ane bent a bow sic sturt cowd steir him
grit skayth wesd to haif skard him
He chesit a flane as did affeir him
The toder said dirdum dardum
Throwt baith the cheikis he thot to cheir him
or throw þe erſs haif chard him
Bot be ane akerbraid it come not neir him
I can not tell quhat mard him / Thair
At *etc.*

Wt that a freynd of his cryd fy
and vp ane arrow drew
He forgit it so fowriously
The bow in flenderis flew
Sa wes the will of god trow I
For had the tre bene trew
men said that kend his archery
That he had slane anew / That day
At chrystis kirk on þe grene

Ane haisty hensure callit hary
quha wes ane archer heynd
Titt vp a taikle wtowttin tary
That torment so him teynd
I wait not quhiddir his hand cowd wary
Or the man wes his freynd
ffor he eschaipit throw michtis of mary
as man þat no ill meynd / bot gud
At *etc.*

Than lowry as ane lyon lap
And sone a flane cowd fedder
Page 261 He hecht to perſs him at the pap fol. 100*a*
Thair on to wed a weddir

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He hit him on the wame a wap
It buft lyk ony bledder
bot swa his fortoun wes and hap
his dowblet wes maid of ledder / and saift him
At *etc.*

A ȝaip ȝung ma*n* that stude him neist
Lowsd of a schot w^{t} yre
he ettlit the bern in at the breist
The bolt flew our the byre
Ane cryit fy he had slane a preist
a myll beȝond ane myre
Than bow and bag fra him he keist
and fled als ferß as fyre / of flynt
At *etc.*

W^{t} forkis and flailis thay lait grit flappis
and flang togiddir lyk friggis
W^{t} bowgaris of barnis thay beft blew kappis
quhill thay of bernis maid briggis
The reird raiß rudly w^{t} the rappis
quhe*n* rungis wes layd on riggis
Thy wyffis come furth w^{t} cryis and clappis
Lo quhair my lyking liggis / q thay
At chryst kirk of ȝe grene

Thay girnit and lait gird w^{t} granis
ilk gossep vder grevit
Sum straik w^{t} stingis sum gaderit stanis
Sum fled and evill mischevit
The me*n*strall wa*n* w^{t}in twa wanis
That day full weill he previt
for he come hame w^{t} vnbirsd banis
quhair fechtaris wer mischevit / for evir
At chrystis kirk *etc.*

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Heich hucheoun w^{t} a hissill ryſs
To red ca*n* throw thame ru*m*mill
he mudlet thame doun [1] lyk ony myſs
he wes no barty bu*m*mill
Tho^{t} he wes wicht he wes no^{t} wyſs
W^{t} sic Iangleris to Iu*m*mill
ffor fra his his [2] thowme thay dang a sklyſs
quhill he cryd barla fu*m*myll / I am slane
At *etc.*

Quhen that he saw his blude so reid
To fle micht no ma*n* lat him
Page 262 He wend it bene for auld done feid fol. 100 *b*
The far sarar it set him
he gart his feit defend his heid
he tho^{t} ane cryd haif at him
quhill he west past out of all pleid
he suld bene swift þat gat him / throw speid
At chryst kirk *etc.*

The toun sowtar in greif wes bowdin
his wyfe hang in his waist
his body wes w^{t} blud all browdin
he granit lyk ony gaist
hir glitterand hair þat wes full goldin
So hard in lufe him lest
That for hir saik he wes no^{t} ȝoldin
Sevin myll quhill he wes chest / and mair
At *etc.*

The millar wes of ma*n*ly mak
To meit him wes na mowis
Thair durst no^{t} ten cum him to tak
So nowit he thair nowis

[1] *Interlined.* [2] *Sic.*

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The buschment haill about him brak
and bikkerit him w^t^ bowis
Syne tratourly behind his bak
Thay hewit him on the howiſs / behind
At *etc.*

Twa þat wes heidm*en* of the heird
ra*n* vpoun vderis lyk ra*m*mis
Than followit feym*en* ry^t^ on affeird
bet on w^t^ barrow tra*m*mis
bot quhair thair gobbis wes vngeird
Thay gat vpoun the ga*m*mis
quhill bludy berkit wes thair beird
As thay had wirreit la*m*mis / maist lyk
At chryst kirk of the grene þ^t^ day

The wyvis kest vp ane hiddouſs ȝell
quhen all thir ȝunkeris ȝokkit
Als ferſs as ony fyrflawcht fell
freikis to þe feild thay flokkit
Tha cairlis w^t^ clubbis cowd vder quell
quhill blud at breistis out bokkit
So rudly rang the co*m*moun bell
quhill all þe stepill rokkit / for rerd
At chrystis kirk *etc.*

Quhen thay had berit lyk baitit bulis
and branewod brynt in bail*is*
Thay wer als meik as ony mvlis
Page 263 That mangit wer w^t^ mailis fol. 101 *a*
ffor fantneſs tha forfochin fulis
fell doun lyk flaw^t^ir failis
and freschm*en* come in and held *þair* dulis
and dang thame doun in dailis / be dene
At *etc.*

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Quhen all wes done dik wt ane aix
Come furt to fell a fidder
Qod he quhair ar ȝone hangit smaix
ryt now wald slane my bruder
his wyfe bad him ga hame gub glaikis
and sa did meg his muder
he turnd and gaif thame bayt thair paikis
For he durst ding nane vdir / for feir
At chryst kirk of the grene þt day

ffinis q king Iames the First

Quha douttis[1] dremis is bot phantasye
My spreit was reft and had in extasye
My heid lay laich into þis dreme but dout
At my foirtop my fyve wittis flew out
I murnit and I maid ane felloun mane
Me thocht þe king of farye had me tane
And band me in ane presoun fute and hand
Withoutin reuth in ane lang raip of sand
To perſs þe presoun wall it wes not eith
ffor it wes mingit and maid wt mussill teith
And in þe middis of it ane myir of flynt
I sank þairin quhill I was neir hand tynt
And quhen I saw thair was none vþer remeid
I flychterit vp wt ane feddrem of leid
ffor þt I thocht me ferye of my ȝouth
I tuke my lytill tae into my mouth
And kest my self rycht wt ane mychtie bend
Outthruch þe volt and percit not þe pend
And thus I thocht into my dullie dreme
I brak my heid vpoun ane know of reme

[1] doutis bot *deleted, and* douttis *interlined.*

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That I suld hurt my self I had dispyte
And in all tene I turnit vp [1] full tyte
Drank of ane well þat wes gane drye sevin ȝeir
Syne lap thre lowpis and I was haill and feir
Syne efter that I had eschapit þis cace
Me thocht I wes in monye diuerſs place
Page 264 Quhilk wer to lang to have in perfyte mynd fol. 101 *b*
In Egipt Ireland Arragone and ynd
In burgonye burdeaux and in bethleem
In Iurye land and in Ierusalem
In france in freisland and in cowpland fellis
Quhair clokkis clekkis crawburdis in [2] cokkill schellis
In poill pertik peblis and [3] portiafe
And þair I schippit into ane barge of drafe
We pullit vp sailis and [4] culd or ankeris wey
And suddanelye out thruch þe throsin sey
We sailit in storme but steir gyde or glaſs
To paradice þe place quhair Adame was
Be we approchit into þat port in hye
We ware weill ware of Enoch and Elye
Sittand on ȝule evin in ane fresch grene schaw
rostand straberries at ane fyre of snaw
I thocht I wald nocht skar þame in þat place
Quhill þai had drawin þe burd and said þe grace
Than suddanelie I wolk out throw þe plane
To see mae farleis þat I mycht tell agane
Me thocht [5] I happinnit on ane montane sone
I wanderit vp and was wer of þe mone
And had not bene I lowtit in þe steid
I had strukkin ane lump out of my heid
Quhen I was weill me thot I culd not leif
Bot than I tuke þe sone beme in my neif
And wald haif clum in bot it was in ane clipſs

[1] in tyte *deleted.* [2] and *deleted, and* in *interlined.*
[3] partiafe *deleted.* [4] pullit *deleted.* [5] þat *deleted.*

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Schortlie I slaid and fell upoun my hipſs
Doun i*n* ane midow besyde ane busk of mynt
I socht my self and I was sevin ȝeir tynt
ȝit in ane mist I fand me on þe morne
I hard ane pundler blaw ane elrich horne
And syne besyde me in ane [1] medow grene
I saw thre quhyte quhailis semelie to be sene
Thair tedderis wes of grene gerſshopperis hair
Off mige schankis baith clene quhyte and fair
Thair tedderis wer maid weill grit to graip
W^t^ silkin schakillis and sowlis of quhyte saip
This pundler ran fast faynand [2] for to find
Thir quhailis thre vpoun his gerſs to pind
He had ane cloik weill maid and wounder meit
Off ganand graith of gude gray girdill feit
Page 265 Ane cleirly coit maid in courtly wyiſs fol. 102 *a*
of Emmot skynis w^t^ mony sketh and plyiſs
Ane pair of hoiſs maid of ane auld myll hopper
Ane pair of courtly schone of gude reid copper
Ane heklit hud maid of the wyld wode sege
Trest weill this pundlar tho^t^ him no ma*n*is pege
he bure ane club maid mony ane carle coy
maid of ane auld burd of the ark of noy
he draif thir thre quhailis vnto ane lie
Ane him swelleit and bair him to the sie
And thair he levit on lempettis in hir wame
quhill harvist tyme þat hirdis draif thame hame
be this wes done the toder twa returnit
To suallow me / grit dule I maid and murnit
me tho^t^ I fled and thro^t^ a park cowd paſs
and walknit syne quhair trow ȝe þat I waſs
Doun in ane henslaik and gat ane fellon fall
and lay betuix ane picher and the wall
As wyffis co*m*ma*n*d*is* this dreme I will conclude

[1] fair *deleted.* [2] þame *deleted.*

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god and the rude mot turn it all to gud
gar fill the cop for thir auld carlingis clames
That gentill aill is oft the cauſs of dremes

Explit q lichtoun monicus

The dregy of du*n*bar
maid to king Iames
þe fyift being in
striuilling

We that ar heir in hevins glory
To ȝow þat ar in purgatory
Commend*is* ws on our hairtly wyiſs
I mene we folk in parradyiſs
In edinbur^{t} w^{t} all mirrineſs
To ȝow of striuilling in distreſs
quhair nowdir plesance nor delyt is
for pety thus ane Apostill wrytis
O ȝe heremeitis and hankersaidilis
That takis ȝour pe*n*na*n*ce at ȝour tablis
and eitis no^{t} meit restoratiue
Nor dry*n*k*is* no wyn co*m*fortatiue
bot aill and that is thyn and small
W^{t} few coursis into ȝour hall
but cu*m*pany of lord*is* and knycht*is*
or ony vder gudly wichtis
solitar walkand ȝour allone
Seing no thing bot stok and stone
out of ȝo^{r} panefull purgatory
To bring ȝow to the bliſs of glory
Page 266 Off edinburgh the mirry toun fol. 102 *b*
We sall begyn ane cairfull soun
Ane dergy devoit and meik

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The lord of bliß doing beseik
3ow to delyuer out of 3o^{r} nowy
and bring 3ow sone to edinburgh joy
For to be mirry amang ws
And sa the dergy begy*n*is thuß

Lectio Prima

The fader the sone and haly gaist
The mirthfull mary virgene chaist
Of angellis all the ordouris nyne
And all the hevinly court devyne
Sone bring 3ow fra the pyne and wo
of striuilling every court ma*n*is fo
agane to edinburghis joy and bliß
quhair wirschep welth and weilfar Is
pley plesance / and eik honesty
Say 3e amen for cheritie

Responsio tu autem do*mi*ne

Tak consolatioun in 3our pane
In tribulatioun tak consolatioun
Out of vexatioun cum hame agane
Tak consolatioun in 3our pane

Iube Do*mi*ne benedicite

Oute of distreß of strivilling toun
to edinbur^{t} bliß god mak 3ow boun

Lectio secunda

Patriarchis profeitis and appostill*is* deir
Confessouris / virgy*n*is and marteris cleir

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And all the saitt Celestiall
Devotely we vpoun thame call
That sone out of ȝour panis fell
ȝe may in hevin heir wᵗ ws dwell
To eit swan / cran / pertrik and plever
And every fische þat swymis in rever
To drynk wᵗ ws the new fresche wyne
That grew upoun the rever of ryne
ffresche fragrant clairettis out of france
of angerſs and of orliance
Wᵗ mony ane courſs of grit dyntie
Say ȝe amen for cheritie

Responsorium tu autem domine

Page 267 God and sanct Ieill heir ȝow convoy fol. 103 *a*
baith sone and weill / god and sanct Ieill
To sonce and seill / solace and Ioy
god and sanct geill heir ȝow convoy
out of [1] striuilling panis fell
In edinburᵗ joy sone mot ȝe dwell

Lectio tertia

We pray to all þe sanctis of hevin
that ar aboif the sterris sevin
ȝow to deliuer out of ȝour pennance
þat ȝe may sone play sing and dance
heir in to edinburᵗ and mak gud cheir
quhair welth and weilfair Is but weir
And I þat dois ȝour panis discryve
thinkis for to vissy ȝow belyve
Noᵗ in desert wᵗ ȝow to dwell
bot as the angell sanct gabriell

[1] edinburghs p *deleted.*

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Dois go betwene fra hevinis glory
to thame þat ar in purgatory
and in thair tribulatioun
To gif thame consolatioun
and schaw thame quhen thair panis ar past
thay sall till hevin cum at last
And how nane servis to haif sweitneſs
That nevir taistit bittirneſs
And *þairfoir* how suld ȝe considdir
of edinburt blisſ quhen ȝe cum hiddir
bot gif ȝe taistit had befoir
of striuilling toun þe panis soir
And thairfoir tak in patience
ȝour pe*nn*a*n*ce and ȝour abstine*n*ce
And ȝe sall cum or ȝule begyn
Into þe blisſ þat we ar in
quhilk grant the glorius trinitie
Say ȝe amen for cheritie

Responsorium

Cum hame and dwell / no moir in striuilling
Frome hiddouſs hell / cum hame and dwell
quhair fische to sell / is non bot spirling
Cum hame and dwell no moir in striuilling

Et ne nos inducas in temptationem de striuilling
Page 268 Sed libera nos a malo illius fol. 103 *b*
Requiam edinburgi dona eijs domine
Et lux ipsius luceat eijs
A porta tristicie de striuilling
Orna domine animas eorum
Credo gustare statim vinu*m* edinburgi
In villa viuentium
Requiescant edinburgi amen

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Deus qui iustos et corde humiles
Ex omni eorum tribulatione liberare dignatus es
Libera famulos tuos apud villam de stirling versantes
A penis et tristitijs eiusdem
Et ad edinburgi gaudia eos perducas
Vt requiescat striuilling amen

Heir endis dumbaris dergy to the king
bydand to lang in stirling

In secreit place this hindir nycht
I hard ane bern say till a bricht
My hunny my houp my hairt my heill
I haif bene lang ȝour lufar leill
And can of ȝow gett confort nane
How lang will ȝe wt denger deill
ȝe brek my hart my bony ane

His bony berd wes kemd and croppit
bot all wt kaill it wes bedroppit
And he wes to mich fulich and gukkit
He clappit fast he kist he chukkit
As wt the glaikkis he wer ourgane
ȝit be his feiris he wald haif fukkit
ȝe brek my hairt my bony ane

Qod he my hairt sweit as the hunny
Sen þat I born wes of my mynny
I wowit nevir ane vder bot ȝow
My wame is of ȝour lufe so fow
That as ane gaist I glour and grane
I trymmill sa ȝe will not trow
ȝe brek my hairt my bony ane

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To hie q scho And gaif ane gawf
Be still my cowffyne and my cawf
My new spaind howphyn fra the sowk
Page 269 And all ꝑe blythnes of my bowk fol. 104 *a*
My sweit swanky saif ȝow allane 26
Na leid I luvit all this owk
fow leiſs me that graceles gane

Qo^{t} he my claver my curledoddy
My hony soppis my sweit possoddy 30
Be no^{t} our bustious to ȝo^{r} billie
Be warme hartit and no^{t} illwillie
ȝour halſs quhyt As quhalis bane
garſs ryſs on loft my quhillylillie
ȝe brek my hairt my bony ane 35

Qo^{t} scho my clip my vnspaynd jyane
W^{t} mvderis milk ȝit in ȝour michane
My belly huddroun my sweit hurle bawsy
My honygukk*is* my slasy gawsy
ȝour mvsing wald perſs ane hairt of stane 40
Sa tak gud confort my gritheidit gawsy
fow leis me that gracles gane

Qo^{t} he my kid my capircalȝeane
My bony bab w^{t} ꝑe ruch brilȝeane
My tendir girdill my wally gowdy 45
My tirly mirly My towdy mowdy
quhen ꝑat our mowthis dois meit at ane
My stang dois torkin w^{t} ȝo^{r} towdy
ȝe brek *etc.*

Qo^{t} scho Tak me by the hand 50
Wylcum my golk of maryland
My chirry and my maikles mynȝeoun
My sucker sweit as ony vnȝeoun

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My strummill stirk ȝit new to spane
I am Applyid to ȝour opinȝoun
ffow [1] *etc.*

He gaif till hir ane appill ruby
gramercy q scho my sweit cowhuby
Syne tha twa till ane play began
quhilk that thay call þe dirrydan
Quhill bayth thair bewis did meit in ane
ffow wo q scho quhair will ȝe man
full leis me that graceles gane

ffinis *etc.* q Clerk [2]

Page 270 fol. 104 *b*

Heir followis the cursing of Sr Iohine rowlis
Vpoun the steilaris of his fowlis

Devyne power of michtis maist
Of fadir sone and haly ghaist
Iesu chryst and his appostillis
Petir paule and his discipillis
And all þe power vndir god
And now of rome þat beiris the rod
Vndir þe hevin to lowse & bind
Paip alexander þat we do fynd
Wt þat power that petir gaif
Godis braid malesone mot thay haif
And all þe blude About þair hairt
Blak be þair hour blak be þair pairt
For fyve fat geiſs of ser Iohine rowlis
Wt Caponis henis and vþir fowlis
Baith þe halderis and conceilaris
Ressettaris and the preve steilaris
And he þat saulis saifis and dammis

[1] bre *deleted.* [2] *In different hand.*

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Beceith the devill thair guttis and gammis
Thair toung thair teith thair handis thair feit
And all thair body haill compleit
That brak his ȝaird and stall his frutt
And raif his erbis vp be þe rute
his quheit his aitis his peiſs his beir
In stowk or stak to do him deir
In barne in houſs in kill or mill
Except it had bene his awin will
his wow his lamb his cheis his stirk
Or ony teyndis of haly kirk
And all þat lattis vnkend or knawin
The vicar to dispone his awin
Kirland hay or gerſs to awaill
Be thair support Bed or counsall
Now cursit and wareit be þair werd
Quhill thay be levand on this Erd
Hungir sturt and tribulatioun
And nevir to be w^t^out vexatioun
of vengance sorrow sturt and [1] Cair
graceleſs Thriftles and threid bair
All tymes in þair legasie
Fyre sword watter and woddie
Or ane of thir Infirmeteis
Page 271 Off warldly scherp Aduerseteis fol. 105 *a*
Pouertie Pestilence or poplecy
Dum deif or Edroposy
Maigram madneſs or missilry
Appostrum or þe *per*locy
ffluxis hyvis or huttit ill
hoist heidwark or fawin ill
Kald kanker feistir or feveris
Brukis bylis blobbis and bleistiris
Emeroidese or the sair halſs

[1] stryf *deleted*.

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The pokk*is* the spaving in þe halſs
The panefull gravell and the gutt
The gulsoch that thay nevir be but
seattica and Arrattica
The cruke The cramp the Colica
The worme The wareit wedony*n*pha
Rumbursin Rippilis or bellythra
The choikis that haldis the chaftis fra chowing
Golkgaliter at þe hairt growing
The stane wring Stane and stane blind
The bernebed and morbehind
The stranȝelo^{r} and grit glengoir
The harchatt in þe lippis befoir
The mowlis and *þair* sleip the mair
The kanker and the kattair
[1] Mott fall vpoun þair kankart corſs
W^{t} all þe evill þat evir had horſs
fische fowll beist or man
In erd sen first þe warld began
Till thay reme*m*ber or thay de
Repentand þair Iniquitie
And draw þair Inclinatioun
fra stowth to contemplatioun
fra feynd*is* fell subiectioun
To haly kirkis correctioun
Sua thay mak plane confessioun
Thair gud will and contritioun
[2] Confessand þame to þair curatt
That in þair hairtis is evill indurat
Na vþir preist hes power nor freir
And thay that daly will *per*seveir
Nocht dreidand god in work nor word
Nor ȝit of haly kirk the suord
bot in þair cursit and sinfull wayis

[1] W^{t} all þe ev *deleted.* [2] Salbe *deleted.*

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Levand and dryvand our thair dayis
Nor ask god mercy nor repent
Than this salbe þair sacrament
Page 272 Fra god our lady and all thair hallowis fol. 105 *b*
To þe feynd þair saulis Thair craig the gallowis
I gif And cerberus thair banis sall knaw
for þair dispyt of þe kirkis law
Gog and magog and grym garog
The devill of hell the theif harog
Sym skynnar and Sr garnega
Iulius appostata
Prince pluto and quene cokatrice
Devetinus þe devill þat maidd þe dyce
Dr.) Cokadame and semiamis
fyremouth and tutivillus
And browny als þat can play kow
Behind þe claith wt mony mow
All thir about the beir salbe
Singand ane dolorus dergie
And vþiris devillis thair salbe sene
Als thik as mot in sonis beme
Thair sall thay kary in þair clukis
Sum libberlais And sum hell crukis
Sum wt kamis and sum wt kardis
Sum wt quhippis of leddroun tardis
Sum wt clubbis and mellis of leid
Sum wt brandrathis birnand reid
Sum wt rumpillis lyk a skait
And geiſs and Caponis rostit hait
That salbe laschit on þair lippis
Cum thay wtin þe devillis grippis
Wt skulȝeoun clowttis and dressing knyvis
platt for plat on *þair* gyngyvis
Sayis richt thus of rowlis geiſs
Thame chaftis þame chowit every peiſs

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ffor thow art he and thow art scho
That rowlis blak robene put in bro
And thow art scho that stall þe hen
And put hir in þe pot þair ben
Lo this is he þat w^{t} his hairt
Wald nevir gif þe vicar his pairt
Bot ay abowt for to dissaif
The haly kirk þat it sowld haif
Than ruffy tasker w^{t} his flaill
Sall beit þame all fra top to taill
And ruffy ragme*n* w^{t} his taggis
Sall ryfe þair sinfull saule in raggis
And quhen þe devillis hes þame tirvit
All þair saulis salbe transformit
Sum in bichis and sum in beiris
Sum in mvlis and sum in meiris
Aganis the scalo^{r} þat thay wer in
For vengence of þair deidly sin
To ryd and tak possessioun
Throw all hell vp and doun
And w^{t} grit din and deray
Page 273 Compeir sall sathan but delay fol. 106 *a*
Sayand richt thus w^{t} sente*n*ce he
Vpoun þe day þat thow sall de
I devill of deillis I ȝow co*n*dame
for geis for ȝowis for woll for lame
Thairfoir hy ȝow to þe pott of hell
W^{t} sathan our abirone to dwell
As feynd*is* spreitis *per*petualy
for to remane in mesary
Deip acheron ȝour saulis invaid
als blak as ruch as ony taid
swaykis serpentis and edderis
mott stuff ȝo^{r} bellyis & ȝo^{r} bledderis
In hellis hoill q^{r} nevir is licht

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Nor nevir is day bot evir nicht
q^r nevir is joy evin & morrow
Bot endles pane dule & sorrow
q^r nevir is petie nor *con*cord
Nor amitie bot discord
Malice ra*n*cour & invy
W^t magry & mala*n*coly
Than fra þe sentence be on þame said
grit baliall sall gif a braid
And bakwart leip vpoun a beir
Sum on ane mvle Sum on a meir
Sum on wolffis and sum on wichis
Sum on brodsowis sum on bichis
Than is þair no^t bot sadill & brydill
Thir outtit meiris hes lang gane ydill
Bot sic ane clawing w^t þair clukis
And sic ane reirding w^t þair rukis
ra*m*pand w^t ane hiddowis beir
Cryand all is o^r*is* þat is heir
The memberis of tha wickit me*n*
That staw þe [1] guse þe [1] cok the hen
Thay salbe revin [2] be þe throttis
for cutting of tha fowlis croppis
Syne led in towis and in laing tedderis
And daly Etin w^t taid*is* & edderis
That all þe court of evin may knaw
thay war þe thevis þat rowlis geiſs staw
ffor quhy grit god o^r hiest Iuge
he gaif decreit but refuge
That all pykaris of pultre
Gais no^t to hevin bot thay sall fle
to hell w^tout rede*m*ptioun
q^r is no remissioun
The forme of thir vgly devillis

[1]–[1] *On margin.* [2] cuttit *deleted, and* revin *interlined.*

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Thay hafe lang tailis on þair heilis
and ru*m*pillis hingand on þair [1] tailis
Dragoun heid*is* & warwolf [2] nalis
W^t^ glowrane evne as glitter*an*d glaſs
W^t^ bowgillis & hornis maid of braſs
And dyverſs facis repleit w^t^ yre
spow*an*d ve*mmin* & spark*is* of fyre
Page 274 And sum w^t^ teith and tegir tungis fol. 106 *b*
attour þair chin w^t^ bludy dung*is*
Spottit and sprinklit vp & doun
Reid attry lyk a scorpioun
And sum ar smeith & sum ar ruch
And sum ar lyk ane serpent*is* sluch
W^t^ prik mule eiris sum ar lyk
Thair eiris neiſs ar lyk ane midding tyk
W^t^ gaipand mowth richt ȝaip to swelly
The mair þe leſs devill in his belly
Of þair fowle fego^r^*is* na ma*n* can tell
Tho^t^ thay wer sevin ȝeiris in hell
To leir to paynt portour or blasoun
Thair forme & thay^r^ feyndly fassoun
Thair vgsum horribiliteis
Nor ȝit Na þ^t^ schaipis w^t^ scheiris
Tho^t^ infineit he be of ȝeiris
Maist principaly to schaip þair graith
In hell for steiling heir of claith
Can conterfit nor mak it meit
Ane gabart for a deill co*m*pleit
And ȝit in hell ar mony ane
That said þai war als trew as stane gif *þair* be ony in þis houſs
That beiris þe nedill gorrit the lowſs
I þame beseik thay be no^t^ wraith
Suppois they clyit haif *pair*te of claith

[1] nalis *deleted.* [2] tailis *deleted.*

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Bot seik ꝑe cauſs and leif ꝑe deid
& blame ꝑe scheiris ꝑat raif ꝑe skreid
And quha ꝑat steilis & on stowth levis
Cursit mot thay be amang thir thevis
Now to [1] ꝑe effect [2] ga will I
And speik of feynd*is* phantesy
In court no^{t} w^{t} ꝑe quene of fary
But heltaris heidtailis sonk*is* or sadill*is*
But butis or spurris cruk*is* cruk*is* [3] or ladill*is*
W^{t} full berd*is* blasand in ꝑe wind
And hett speitis in ꝑair taill behind
Than inflar tasy w^{t} his Iaggis
And belly bassy w^{t} his baggis
At hellis ȝett*is* sall mak sic reirding
On thir steilaris of geiſs sall ding
That it beis hard in middilerd
Tha grit flappis w^{t} sic faird
Thunder blastis & fyre sall blaw
That na devill may ane vꝑir knaw
ffor reik stynk & bryntstane birnand
Devillis ȝelpand gaipand and girnand
Than sall bla baliall gif ane brattill
Page 275 And all the thevis in hell sall startill [4] fol. 107 *a*
Lyk to ane gaid of yrne [5] or steill
That doun war sinkand in ane weell
Sa sall thay ga to endles pane
And nevir to cum hame agane
Now Iesu for thy passioun
That deit for o^{r} redemptioun
Of m*a*nkynd haif m*e*rcy sone
Latt nevir this sente*n*ce fall ꝑame vpone
Bot grant ꝑame grace ay till forbeir
Ressett or stowth of vꝑir me*n*is geir

[1] *Interlined.* [2] po *deleted.* [3] *Sic.*
[4] *Originally* stattill, *with* r *written over* t.
[5] *Above* yrne yron *is written in lighter hand.*

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And als agane þe geir restoir
Till rowle as I hafe said befoir
And to repent thay may in tyme
Pray we to god thus endis þe ryme
This tragedy Is callit but dreid
Rowlis cursing quha will it reid

ffinis q Rowll

Quhy sowld no^{t} allane honorit be

Quhen he wes ȝung and cled in grene
Haifand his air abowt his Ene
Baith men and wemen did him mene
quhen he grew on ȝon hillis he
quhy sowld no^{t} allane honorit be

His fostir faider fure of þe toun
To vissy Allane he maid him boun
he saw him lyane allace in swoun
For falt of help and lyk to de
Quhy sowld no^{t} allane honorit be

Thay saw his heid begin to ryfe [1]
Syne for ane nvreiſs thay send belyfe
quha brocht w^{t} hir fyfty and fyve
Of men of war full prevely
Quhy sowld no^{t} allane honorit be

Thay ruschit fur^{t} lyk hellis rukis
And every ane of þame had hukis
Thay caw^{t} him schortly in *þe* cluk*is*
Page 276 Syne band him in ane creddill of tre fol. 107 *b*
Quhy sowld no^{t} allane honorit be

[1] *Originally* ryſ.

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Thay brot him invart in þe land
Syne every freynd maid him his band
quhill thay micht owdir gang or stand
nevir ane fute fra him to fle
Quhy *etc.*

The grittest cowart in this land
ffra he wt allane entir in band
Thot he may nowdir gang nor stand
ȝit fowrty sall not gar him fle
Quhy sowld not allane honorit be

Sr allanis hewmond is ane cop
Wt ane sege feddir in his top
ffra hand till hand so dois he hop
Quhill sum may nowdir speik nor se
Quhy sold not allane honorit be

In ȝule quhen ilk man singis his carrell
gud allane lyis in to ane barrell
quhen he is thair he dowtis no parrell
To cum on him be land or se
Quhy *etc.*

ȝit wes þair nevir sa gay a gallane
Fra he meit wt our maistir ser allane
Bot gif he hald him by þe hallane
bak wart on þe flure fallis he
Quhy *etc.*

My maistir allane grew so stark
quhill he maid mony cunning clerk
Vpoun þair faiſs he settis his mark
A blud reid noiſs besyd *þair* E
Quhy *etc.*

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My maistir allane I may sair curſs
He levis no mony in my purſs
At his com*m*and I mon deburſs
moir nor þe twa *pairt* of my fe
Quhy *etc.*

And last of allane to conclude
he is beni*n*g courtaſs and gude
And servis ws of our daly fvde
And þ^t^ w^t^ liberalitie
Q *etc.*

ffinis q allane matsonis suddart*is*

folio 108 *is missing*

Page 277 I þat [1] in heill wes [2] & [3] glaidneſs fol. 109*a*
am trublit now w^t^ grit seikneſs
and feblit w^t^ infirmitie
Tymor mortis conturbat me

Our plesans heir is all vane glory
This fals warld is bot transitory
The flesche is brukle The feyind is sle
Tymor mortis co*n*turbat me

The stait of ma*n* dois chainge and vary
Now sound now seik now blyth now sary
Now dansand mirry now lyk to die
Tymor mortis conturbat me

[1] is *deleted.* [2] ws *deleted, and* wes *interlined.* [3] *Altered from* wt.

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No stait in erd heir standis sicker
As w^{t} þe wind wavis the wicker
So wan*n*is þis warld*is* vanitie
Tymor *etc.*

Vnto þe deth gois all estaitis
princis prelattis and potestaitis
bayth riche and pure of all degre
Tymor mortis *etc.*

He taikis þe knychtis in to þe feild
Enarmit vndir helme and scheild
Victor he is at all mellie
Tymor *etc.*

That strang vnvynsable tirrand
Tak*is* on the muderis breist sowkand
The bab full of benignitie
Tymor *etc.*

He taikis the campioun in the stour
The captane closit in þe tour
The lady in bour full of bewtie
Tymor *etc.*

He spairis no lord for his piscens
Nor clerk for his intelligens
his awfull straik may no man fle
Tymor *etc.*

Art magicianis and astrologis
rethoris logicianis and theolog*is*
Thame helpis no co*n*clusionis sle
Tymor *etc.*

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In madecyne the most practitianis
Leichis surrigianis and phesicianis
Thame self fra deth ma no^{t} supple
Tymor *etc.*

I se the makkaris amangis the laif
playis heir thair padȝanis syne gois to graif
Page 278 Sparit is no^{t} thair facultie fol. 109 *b*
Tymor *etc.*

He hes done petouslie devoir
The noble chawser of makar*is* flour
The mu*n*k of berry and gowyir all thre
Tymor mortis conturbat me

The gud ser hew of eglingtoun
Ettrik heriot and wintoun
he hes tane out of this cuntre
Tymor *etc.*

That skorpioun fell / hes done infek
Maister Iohine clerk and Iames afflek
Fra ballat makking and tragedy
Tymor *etc.*

Holland and barbo^{r} he hes berevit
allace that he no^{t} w^{t} ws levit
S^{r} mu*n*go lokkart of ȝe lie
Tymor *etc.*

Clerk of tranent eik he hes tane
that maid the awnter*is* of ser gawane
S^{r} gilbert gray Endit hes hie
Tymor *etc.*

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He hes blind hary and sandy traill
Slane w^t^ his schot of mortall haill
quhilk pat*r*ik Iohinstoun mycht no^t^ fle
Tymor *etc.*

he hes reft m*er*sar his indyte
That did in luve so lyfly wryte
So schort so quick of sentens hie
Tymor *etc.*

he hes tane rowll of abirdene
and gentill rowll of corstorphyne
Two bettir fallowis did no ma*n* sie
Tymor mort*is* *etc.*

[1] In dumfarmeling he hes taie [2] broun
W^t^ gud m̄r robert he*n*rysoun
Sr Iohine the roſs Imbraist hes hie
Tymor *etc.*

And he hes now tane last of aw
gud gentill stobo and qui*n*tene schaw
of quhome all wichtis hes pitie
Tymor *etc.*

And m̄r walter ke*n*nedy
In poyntt of deth lyis verely
grit rew^t^ it wer þat so suld be
Tymor *etc.*

Sen he hes all my bre*þ*er tane
he will no^t^ lat me leif allane
Page 279 On forſs I mon his nixt pray be fol. 110 *a*
Tymor mortis conturbat me

[1] and *deleted.*
[2] *Sic.* taie [*probably for* tane] broun *is in different ink and may have been added later. It might also be read as* laid broun.

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Sen for the deth remeid is non
best is þat we for deth dispone
Eftir our deth that leif may we
Tymor mortis conturbat me

q dumbar

Off februar the fyiftene nycht
Full lang befoir the dayis lycht
I lay in till a trance
and than I saw baith hevin and hell — The dance
me thoᵗ amangis the feyndis fell
Mahoun gart cry ane dance
Off schrewis þat wer nevir schrevin
Aganiſs the feist of fasternis evin
To mak thair observance
He bad gallandis ga graith a gyiſs
and kast vp gamountis in the skyiſs
That last came out of france

Lat se q he now quha begynnis
Wᵗ that the fowll sevin deidly synnis
begowth to leip at anis
Pryd — And first of all in dance wes pryd
Wᵗ bair wyld bak and bonet on syd
Lyk to mak vaistie wanis
And round abowt him as a quheill
hang all in rumpillis to the heill
his kethat for the nanis
Mony prowd trumpour wᵗ him trippit
Throw skaldand fyre ay as thay skippit
Thay gyrnd wᵗ hiddouſs granis

Heilie harlottis on hawtane wyiſs
Come in wᵗ mony sindrie gyiſs

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bot ȝit luche nevir mahoun
quhill preistis come in wᵗ bair schevin nekk*is*
Than all the feynd*is* lewche and maid gekk*is*
Blak belly and bawsy brown

yre Than yre come in wᵗ sturt and stryfe
his hand wes ay vpoun his knyfe
he brandeist lyk a beir
Bostaris braggaris and barganeris
eftir him passit[1] in to[2] pairis
all bodin in feir of weir
In Iakkis and scryppis and bonettis of steill
Thair leggis wer chenȝeit to þe heill
Page 280 ffrawart wes thair affeir fol. 110 *b*
Sum vpoun vdir wᵗ brand*is* beft
Sum Iaggit vþiris to þe heft
Wᵗ knyvis þat scherp cowd scheir

Invy Nixt in the dance followit Invy
fild full of feid and fellony
hid malyce and dispyte
ffor pryvie hatrent that tratour trymlit
him followit mony freik dissymlit
Wᵗ fenȝeit wirdis quhyte
And flattereris in to menis facis
and bakbyttaris of sindry racis
To ley that had delyte
and rownaris of fals lesingis
allace that courtis of noble kingis
of thame can nevir be quyte

Auaryce Nixt him in dans come cuvatyce
rute of all evill and grund of vyce
That nevir cowd be content
Catyvis wrechis and ockeraris

[1] all *deleted.* [2] *interlinea.*

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hud pykis hurdar*is* and gadderar*is*
all with that warlo went
Out of thair throttis thay schot on vdder
hett molt̄in gold me tho^{t} a fudder
as fyreflawcht maist fervent
Ay as thay tomit thame of schot
ffeynd*is* fild thame new vp to the thrott
W^{t} gold of allkin prent

Sueirnes Syne sweirnes at the secound bidding
Come lyk a sow out of a midding
Full slepy wes his grun3ie
Mony sweir bumbard belly huddroun
Mony slute daw and slepy duddroun
him s*er*wit ay w^{t} soun3ie
he drew thame furth in till a chen3ie
and belliall w^{t} a brydill ren3ie
evir lascht thame on the lun3ie
In dance thay war so slaw of feit
Thay gaif thame in the fyre a heit
And maid thame quicker of coun3ie

Lichery Than lichery that lathly cor*ſ*
berand lyk a bagit hor*ſ*
And ydilne*ſ* did him leid
Thair wes w^{t} him ane vgly sort
And mony stynkand fowll tramort
That had in syn bene deid
Page 281 Quhen thay wer entrit in the dance fol. 111 *a*
Thay wer full strenge of countenance
lyk turka*ſ* birnand reid
all led thay v*þ*ir by the tersis
suppoi*ſ* thay fycket w^{t} thair Ersis
It miycht be na remeid

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Gluttony Than the fowll monstir glutteny
Off wame vnsasiable and gredy
To dance he did him dreſs
him followit mony fowll drunckart [1]
W^t can and collep cop and quart
In surffet and exceſs
ffull mony a waistleſs wallydrag
W^t wamiſs vnweildable did furth wag
In [2] creische þat did increſs
Drynk ay thay cryit w^t mony a gaip
The feynd*is* gaif thame hait leid to laip
Thair lovery wes na leſs

Na menstrall*is* playit to thame but dowt
ffor glem*en* thair wer haldin owt
be day and eik by nycht
Except a menstrall þat slew a ma*n*
Swa till his heretage he wan
And entirt be breif of richt

Than cryd mahoun for a heleand padȝane
Syne ran a feynd to feche makfadȝane
ffar north wart in a nuke
Be he þe correnoch had done schout
Erschem*en* so gadderit him abowt
In hell grit rowme thay tuke
Thae tarmegantis w^t tag and tatter
ffull lowd in ersche begow^t to clatter
And rowp lyk revin and ruke
The devill sa devit wes w^t thair ȝell
That in the depest pot of hell
he smorit thame w^t smvke

[1] *Originally* drunckard. [2] creiſ *deleted.*

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The turnament

Nixt that a turnament wes tryid
That lang befoir in hell wes cryid
In presens of mahoun
Betuix a telȝour and ane sowtar
a prickloufs and ane hobbell clowttar
The barrefs wes maid boun
The tailȝeour baith wᵗ speir and scheild
convoyit wes vnto þe feild
Wᵗ mony ly*m*mar loun
Page 282 Off seme byttaris and beist knappar*is* fol. 111 *b*
Off stomok steillaris and [1] clayth takkar*is* 11
A graceleſs garisoun

His baner born wes him befoir
quhairin wes clowttis ane hundreᵗ scoir
Ilk ane of diu*er*ſs hew
And all stowin out of sindry webbis
For quhill the greik sie flowis and ebbis
Telȝouris will nevir be trew
The tailȝour on the barrowis blent
allaiſs he tynt all hardyment
ffor feir he chaingit hew
Mahoun come furᵗ and maid him knycht
Na ferly thoᵗ his hart wes licht
That to sic honor grew

The tailȝeoʳ hecht hely befoir mahoun
That he suld ding the sowtar doun
Thoᵗ he wer strang as mast
bot quhen he on the barrowis blenkit
The telȝoʳ*is* hairt a littill schrenkit
his hairt did all ourcast

[1] beif *deleted.*

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quhen to þe sowtar he did cum
Off all sic wird*is* he wes full dum
So soir he wes agast
In harte he tuke ȝit sic ane scu*m*mer [1]
ane rak of fartis lyk ony thu*n*ner
Went fra him blast for blast

The sowtar to the feild him drest
he wes convoyid out of the west
as ane defender stout
Suppoiſs he had na lusty varlot
he had full mony lowsy harlott
round ry*n*nand him aboute
his baner wes of barkit hyd
quhairin sanct girnega did glyd
befoir that rebald rowt
ffull sowttarlyk he wes of laitis
For ay betuix the harneſs plaitis
The vly birstit out

Quhen on the telȝo^{r} he did luke
his hairt a littill dwamyng tuke
he mycht no^{t} rycht vpsitt
In to his stommok wes sic ane steir
Page 283 Off all his de*n*nar quhilk he coft deir fol. 112 *a*
his breist held deill a bitt
To comfort him or he raid forder
The devill off knychtheid gaif him order
for [2] sair syne he did spitt
And he about þe devill*is* nek
Did spew agane ane quart of blek
Thuſs knychtly he him quitt

Than fourty tymis the feynd cryd fy
The sowtar rycht effeiritly·

[1] *sic.* [2] for sawour *deleted.*

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Vnto the feild he socht
Quhen thay wer serwit of thair speiris
ffolk had ane feill be thair effeiris
Thair hairtis wer baith on flocht
Thay spurrit thair horſs on adir syd
Syne thay attour the grund cowd glyd
than thame togidder brocht
The tailȝeour þat wes not weill sittin
he left his sadill all beschittin
and to þe grund he socht

His harnaſs brak and maid ane brattill
The sowtaris horſs start wt the rattill
And round about cowd reill
The beist that frayit wes rycht evill
ran wt the sowtar to þe devill
And he rewardit him weill
Sum thing frome him the feynd eschewit
he went agane to [1] bene bespewit
So stern he wes in steill
he thot he wald agane debait him
he turnd his erſs and all bedret him
Evin quyte from nek till heill

He lowsit it of wt sic a reird
baith horſs and man he straik till eird
he fartit wt sic ane feir
Now haif I quitt the q mahoun
Thir new maid knychtis lay bayth in swoun
and did all armes mensweir
The devill gart thame to dungeoun dryve
and thame of knychtheid cold depryve
dischairgeing þame of weir
And maid thame harlottis bayth for evir

[1] hae *deleted.*

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quhilk still to keip thay had ferlevir
Nor ony armes beir

Page 284 I had mair [1] of thair werk*is* writtin fol. 112 *b*
had no^{t} the sowtar bene beschittin
W^{t} belliallis erß vnblist
bot that sa gud ane bourd me tho^{t}
Sic solace to my hairt it rocht
for lawchtir neir I brist
Quhairthrow I walknit of my trance
To [2] put this in reme*m*berance
Mycht no ma*n* me resist
ffor this said Iusting it befell
befoir mahoun the air of hell
Now trow thiß gif ȝe list

Heir end*is* the [3] sowtar & tailȝo^{r}*is* war
maid be þe nobill poyet m̄r w^{m} dumbar

ffollowis þe ame*nd*is maid be him
to þe telȝo^{r}*is* & sowtaris for the turname*n*t
maid on thame

Betuix twell houris and ellevin
I dremed ane angell came fra hevin
W^{t} plesand stevin sayand on hie
Telȝo^{r}*is* and sowtaris blist be ȝe

In hevin hie ordand is ȝour place
aboif all sanctis in grit solace
Nixt god grittest in dignitie
Tailȝo^{r}*is* and sowtaris blist be ȝe

[1] writtin *deleted.* [2] *Altered from* and. [3] iusting & the war *deleted.*

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The cauſs to ȝow is not vnkend
That god mismakk*is* ȝe do amend
be craft and grit agilitie
Tailȝor*is etc.*

Sowtaris wt schone weill maid and meit
ȝe mend the faltis of illmaid feit
quhairfoir to hevin ȝour saulis will fle
Telȝor*is etc.*

Is not in all this fair a flyrok
That hes vpoun his feit a wyrok
knowll tais nor mowlis in no degrie
[1] bot ȝe ca*n* hyd thame blist be ȝe

And ȝe tailȝor*is* wt weillmaid clais
Can mend the werst maid ma*n* that gaiſs
and mak him semely for to se
Telȝor*is etc.*

Thot god mak ane misfassonit ma*n*
ȝe can him all schaip new agane
and fassoun him bettir be sic thre
Telȝor*is etc.*

Page 285 Thot a ma*n* haif a brokin bak fol. 113 *a*
haif he a gude crafty telȝor quhattrak
That can it cuver wt craftis slie
Telȝor*is etc.*

Off god grit kyndneſs may ȝe clame
That helpis his peple fra cruke and lame
Supportand faltis wt ȝour supple
Tailȝor*is etc.*

[1] Telȝ *deleted.*

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In erd ȝe kyth sic mirakill*is* heir
In hevin ȝe salbe sanctis full cleir
Tho^{t} ȝe be knavis in this cuntre
Telȝou^{r}*is* and sowtaris blist be ȝie

q dumbar

I mak it kend / he ꝑat will spend
and luve god lait and air
god will him mend / and grace him send
quhe*n* catyvis sall haif cair
Thairfoir pretend / weill for to spend
off geir and no^{t} till spair
I knaw the end / that all mon we*n*d
A way nakit and bair
W^{t} ane o & ane I / ane wreche sall haif no mair
bot ane schort scheit / at heid and feit
ffor all his wrek and wair

ffor all the wrak / a wreche ca*n* pak
and in his baggis Imbrace
ȝit deid sall tak / him be the bak
and gar him cry allace
Tha*n* sall he frak / away w^{t} lak
and wait no^{t} to quhait place
Than will thay mak / at him a knak
That maist of his gud haiſs
W^{t} ane o / & ane I / quhill we haif tyme & space
Mak we gud cheir quhill we art heir
[1] And tha*n*k god of his grace

Wer thair ane king / to rax and ring
amang gude fallowis cround

[1] Tha*n* *deleted.*

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wrechis wald wring / & mak mvrnyng
ffor dule thay suld be dround
quha findis ane dring owdir auld or ȝing
gar hoy him owt and hound
Now lat ws sing / wt chrystis blissing
be glaid and mak gude sound

Page 286 Wt ane o / and ane I now or we forder found fol. 113 b
Drink thow to me / and I to the
and lat the cop go round

Quha vndirstude / suld haif his gude
or he wer closd in clay
Sum in thair mude / thay wald go wid
and de lang or thair Day
Not wirth ane hude / or ane auld snvd
Thow sall beir hyne away
Wreche be the rude / for to conclude
ffull few will for the pray
Wt ane o / & ane I gud fallowis quhill we may
be mirry & fre syne blyth we be
and sing on twa and tway

q Iohine blyth

Sanct saluatour send siluer sorrow
It grevis me both evin and morrow
chasing fra me all cheritie
It makis me all blythnes to borrow
My panefull purſs so pricliſs me

Quhen I wald blythlie ballattis breif
Langour þairto givis me no leif
War not gud howp my hart vphie
My verry corpis for cair wald cleif
My panefull purſs so prikillis me

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Quhen I sett me to sing or dance
Or go to plesand pastance
Than pansing of penuritie
Revis that fra my remembrance
My *etc.*

Quhen men þat hes purſſ in tone
paſſ to drynk or to disione
Than mon I keip ane grauetie
And say þat I will fast quhill none
My panefull purſ so pricliſ me

My purſ is maid of sic ane skyn
Thair will na corſ byd it wtin
Fra it as fra the feynd thay fle
quha evir tyne quha evir win
My *etc.*

Had I ane man of ony natioun
Culd mak on it ane coniuratioun
To gar siluer ay in it be
Page 287 The devill suld haif no dominatioun fol. 114 *a*
Wt pyne to gar it prickill me

I haif inquyrit in mony a place
ffor help and confort in this cace
and all men sayis my lord þat ȝe
Can best remeid for this malice
That wt sic panis prickillis me

q dumbar to þe king

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Listis lordis I sall ȝow tell
off ane verry grit m*ar*vell
off lord ferguſs gaist
how mekle S^r^ andro it chest
Vnto beittokis bour
The silly sawle to succour
And he hes writtin vnto me
Auld storeiſs for to se
gif it appinis him to meit
how he sall co*n*iure the spreit
And I haif red mony quarſs
Bath ꝑe donet and dominus que parſs
ryme maid and als reiddin
Baith inglis and latene
And ane story haif I to reid
paſſs bonitatem in the creid
To co*n*iure the littill gaist ȝe mon haif
Off tod tailis ten thraif
and kast the grit haly watter
W^t^ pater noster patter patter
and ȝe ma*n* sitt in ane compaſs
and cry harbert tuthleſs
Drug thow and ꝑiſs draw
and sitt thair quhill cok craw
The compaſs mon hallowit be
W^t^ aspergis me do*m*ine
The haly writt schawis als
thair man be hung abowt ȝour hals
pricket in ane woll poik
Off neiſs powder ane grit loik
Thir thingis mon ȝe beir
Brynt in ane doggis eir
Ane pluche ane paiddill & ane palme corſs
Thre tuskis of ane awld deid horſs

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And of ane ȝallow wob the warp
Page 288 The boddome of ane awld herp fol. 114 *b*
The heid of ane cuttit reill
The band of ane awld quheill
The taill of ane ȝeild sow
And ane bait of blew wow
Ane botene and ane brechame
And ane quhorle maid of lame
To luke owt at þe littill boir
And cry chrystis croſs ȝow befoir
And quhen ȝe se the littill gaist
Cu*m*and to ȝow in all haist
Cry lowd chryste eleisone
And speir quhat law it levis on
And gif it sayis on god*is* ley
Than to þe littill gaist ȝe say
W^t^ brede benedicitie
Littill gaist I co*n*iure the
W^t^ lierie & larie
bayth fra god & sanct marie
first w^t^ ane fisschis mowth
And syne w^t^ ane fowlis towth
W^t^ ten *par*tane tais [1]
and nyne knok*is* of windil strais
W^t^ thre heid*is* of curle doddy
and bid the gaist turn in a boddy
Tha*n* eftir this co*n*iuratioun
The littill gaist will fall in soun
and þ*air*eftir doun ly
cryand m*er*cy petously
Than w^t^ ȝour left heill it sane
and it will nevir cu*m* agane
Als mekle as ane mige amaist

[1] and *deleted.*

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he had ane littill rod leg
and it wes cant as ony cleg
It wes wynd in ane wyndinscheit
baythe the hand*is* and the feit
Suppoiſs this gaist wes littill
3it it stall god*is* quhittill
It stall fra peteouſs abrahane [1]
ane quhorle and ane quhu*m* quhame
It stall fra þe carle of þe mune
ane pair of auld yrn schone
It ra*n* to pencaitlane
and wirreit ane auld chaplane
This littill gaste did na mair ill
Bot clok lyk a corne myll
Page 289 And it wald play and hop fol. 115 *a*
abowt the heid ane stre strop
And it wald sing and it wald dance
Oure fute and orliance
quha co*n*iurit the littill gaste sa 3e
Nane bot the littill spen3ie fle
That w^t^ hir wit and Ingyne
gart the gaist leif agane
And syne mareid the gaist the fle
And cround him kyng of kandelie
And thay gat thame betwene
Orpheus king and elpha quene
To reid quha will this gentill geist
3e hard it no^t^ at cokilbys feist

Explicit

[1] *Sic.*

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ffollowis how dumbar wes desyrd
to be ane freir

This nycht befoir the dawing cleir
Me thot sanct francis did to me appeir
Wt ane religiouſs abbeit in his hand
And said in thiſs go cleith the my serwand
reffuſs þe warld for thow mon be a freir

Wt him and wt his abbeit bayth I skarrit
Lyk to ane man þat wt a [1] gaist wes marrit
Me thot on bed he layid it me abone
Bot on the flure delyuerly and sone
I lap thairfra and nevir wald cum nar it

Qot he quhy skarris thow wt this holy weid
Cleith the thairin for weir it thow most neid
Thow þat hes lang done venus lawis teiche
Sall now be freir and in this abbeit preiche
Delay it not it mon be done but dreid

Qod I sanct francis loving be the till
And thankit mot thow be of thy gude will
To me þat of thy clayis ar so kynd
bot thame to weir it nevir come in my mynd
Sweit confessour thow tak it not in ill

In haly legendis haif I hard allevin
Ma sanctis of bischoppis Nor freiris be sic sevin
Off full few freiris þat hes bene sanctis I reid
Page 290 Quhairfoir ga bring to me ane bischopis weid fol. 115 b
gife evir thow wald my sawle gaid vnto hevin

[1] gas *deleted*.

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My brethir oft hes maid the supplicationis
be epistillis sermonis and relationis
To tak the abyte bot thow did postpone
but ony proceſs cum on þairfoir annone
all sircumstance put by and excusationis

Gif evir my fortoun wes to be a freir
The dait thairof is past full mony a ȝeir
For into every lusty toun and place
off all yngland frome berwick to kalice
I haif in to thy habeit maid gud cheir

In freiris weid full fairly haif I fleichit
In it haif I in pulpet gon and preichit
In derntoun kirk and eik in canterberry
In it I past at dover our the ferry
Throw piccardy and thair þe peple teichit

Als lang as I did beir the freiris style
In me god wait wes mony wrink and wyle
In me wes falset wt every wicht to flatter
quhilk mycht be flemit wt na haly watter
I wes ay reddy all men to begyle

This freir þat did sanct francis thair appeir
Ane fieind he wes in liknes of ane freir
he vaneist away wt stynk and fyrie smowk
Wt him me thot all the houshend he towk
and I Awoik as wy þat wes in weir

q dumbar

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ffull oft I muse And hes in thoᵗ
how this fals warld is ay on flocht
quhair na thing ferme is nor degest
and quhen I haif my mynd all socht
ffor to be blyth me think it best

This warld dois evir fleit and vary
ffortoun sa fast hir quheill dois kary
Na tyme bot turne can tak rest
ffor quhais fals change [1]

He that hes gold and grit richeſs
And may be into mirryneſs
and dois glaidneſs fra him expell
Page 291 And levis in to wrechitneſs fol. 116 *a*
he wirkis sorrow to him sell

He þat may be but sturt or stryfe
and leif ane lusty plesand lyfe
and syne wᵗ mariege dois him mell
and bind*is* him wᵗ ane wicket wyfe
he wirk*is* sorrow to him sell

He þat hes for his awin genȝie
Ane plesand prop but ma*n*k or menȝie
and schuttis syne at ane vncow schell
And is forfairn wᵗ the fleis of spenȝie
he wirk*is etc.*

And he þat wᵗ gud lyfe and trewᵗ
but varians or vder slewth
Dois evir mair wᵗ ane maist*er* dwell
That nevir of him will haif no rewth
he *etc.*

[1] *The nine lines scored out have already appeared on fol.* 98*b*.

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Now all this tyme lat ws be mirry
and sett no^{t} by this warld a chirry
now quhill thair is gude wyne to sell
he þat dois on dry breid virry
I gif him to the devill of hell

q dumbar

follows þe wowing of the king
quhen he wes in du*m*fermeling

This hindirny^{t} in dumfermeling
To me wes tawld ane windir thing
That lait ane tod wes w^{t} ane lame
And w^{t} hir playit and maid gud game
Syne till his breist did hir Imbrace
And wald haif riddin hir lyk ane rame
And that me tho^{t} ane ferly cace

He braisit hir bony body sweit
And halsit hir w^{t} fordir feit
Syne schuk his taill w^{t} quhinge and ȝelp
and todlit w^{t} hir lyk ane quhelp
syne lowrit on growfe and askit grace
And ay the lame cryd lady help
And that me tho^{t} ane ferly cace

The tod wes nowder lene nor skowry
he wes ane lusty reid haird lowry
ane lang taild beist and grit w^{t} all
The silly lame wes all to small
To sic ane tribbill to hald ane bace
Scho fled him no^{t} ffair mot hir fall
And that me tho^{t} ane ferly cace

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Page 292 The tod wes reid the lame wes quhyte fol. 116 *b*
Scho wes ane morsall of delyte
He lovit na ȝowis auld twch and sklender
Becaus this lame wes ȝung and tender
He ra*n* vpoun hir w^{t} a race
And scho schup nevir for till defend hir
And thiſs *etc.*

He grippit hir abowt the west
and handlit hir as he had hest
This Innocent that nevir trespast
Tuke hert that scho wes handlit fast
And lute him kiſs hir lusty face
His girna*n*d ga*m*is hir no^{t} agast
And ƿat *etc.*

He held him till hir be the hals
And spak full fair tho^{t} he wes falſs
Syne said and swoir to hir be god
That he suld no^{t} twich hir prenecod
The silly thing trowd him allace
The lame gaif creddence to the tod
And ƿat *etc.*

I will no lesingis put in verſs
Lyk as thir Iangleris dois reherſs
Bot be quhat maner thay war mard
Quhen licht wes owt and durris wes bard
I wait no^{t} gif he gaif hir grace
Bot all the hollis wes stoppit hard
And ƿat *etc.*

Quhen men dois fleit in Ioy maist far
Sone cu*m*is wo or thay be war
quhen carpand wer thir two most crowſs
The wolf he ombesett the houſs

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Vpoun the tod to mak ane chace
The lamb than cheipit lyk a mowſs
And þat *etc.*

Throw hiddowis ȝowling of the wowf
This wylie tod plat doun on growf
And in the silly lambis skin
he crap als far as he micht win
and hid him thair ane weill lang space
The ȝowis besyd thay maid na din
And *etc.*

Quhen of the tod wes hard no peip
The wowf went [1] all had bene on sleip
And quhill the tod had strikkin ten
The wowf hes drest him to his den
protestand for þe secound place
And this report I w^t^ my pen
How at Dumfermling [2] fell the cace

q dumbar

Page 293 fol. 117 *a*

Ane ballat of the fenȝeit freir of tungland
how he fell in the myre fleand to turkiland

As ȝung awrora w^t^ cristall haile
In orient schew hir visage paile
A swenyng swyth did me assaile
Off sonis of sathanis seid
Me tho^t^ A turk of tartary
Come throw the boundis of barbary
And lay forloppin in lumbardy
ffull lang in waithma*n* weid

[1] all *deleted.* [2] thair *deleted.*

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ffra baptasing for to eschew
Thair a religious man he slew
and cled him in his abeit new
ffor he cowth wryte & reid
Quhen kend was his dissimvlance
and all his cursit govirnance
ffor feir he fled and come in france
Wt littill of lumbard leid

To be a leiche he fenyt him thair
Quhilk mony a man micht rew evirmair
for he left nowþir seik nor sair
Vnslane or he hyne ȝeid
Vane organis he full clenely carvit
quhen of his straik so mony starvit
Dreid he had gottin þat he desarvit
He fled away gud speid

In scotland than the narrest way
he come his cunnyng till assay
To sum man thair it was no play
The preving of his sciens
In pottingry he wrocht grit pyne
he murdreist mony [1] in [2] medecyne
The Iow was of a grit engyne
And generit was of gyans

In leichecraft he was homecyd
he wald haif for a nicht to byd
A haiknay and the hurtmanis hyd
So meikle he was of myance
Page 294 His ynis was rude as ony rawchtir fol. 117 *b*
quhair he leit blude It was no lawchtir
Full mony Instrument for slawtir
Was In his gardevyance

[1] *On margin.* [2] to *deleted.*

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He cowth gif cure for laxatyve
To gar a wicht horſs want his lyve
Quha evir assay wald ma*n* or wyve
Thair hippis ȝeid hiddy giddy
His practikis nevir war put to preif
Bot suddane deid or grit mischeif
he had purgatioun to mak a theif
To dee w*t*owt a widdy

Vnto no meſs pressit this prelat
for sound of sacring bell nor skellat
As blaksmyth bruikit was his pallatt
ffor batte*r*ing at the study
Tho*t* he come hame a new maid cha*n*noun
he had dispensit w*t* maty*n*nis cha*n*noun
On him come now*per* stole nor fa*n*noun
ffor smowking [1] of the smydy

Me tho*t* seir fassonis he assailȝeit
To mak the qui*n*tessance and failȝeit
And quhen he saw ꝑat nocht availȝeit
A fedrem on he tuke
And schupe in turky for to fle
and quhen ꝑat he did mont on he
All fowill ferleit quhat he sowld be
That evir did on him luke

Sum held he had bene dedalus
sum the menatair marvelus
Sum [2] martis smyth wlcanus
And sum saturnus kuke
And evir the cuschettis at him tuggit
The rukis him rent the ravy*n*is him druggit
The hudit crawis his hair furth ruggit
The hevin he micht not bruke

[1] k *interlined.* [2] the *deleted.*

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The myttane and sanct m*ar*tynis fowle
Wend he had bene the hornit howle
Page 295 Thay set avpone him w^t^ a ȝowle fol. 118 *a*
And gaif him dynt for dynt
The golk the gormaw And the gled
Beft him w^t^ buffettis quhill he bled
The sparhalk to the spring him sped
Als fers as fyre of flynt

The tarsall gaif him tug for tug
A stanchell hang in ilka lug
The pyot furth his pe*nn*is did rug
The stork straik ay but stynt
The bissart bissy but rebuik
Scho was so cleverus of hir clvik
his bawis he micht not lang*er* bruik
Scho held thame at ane hint

Thik was the clud of kayis and crawis
Of marleȝonis Mittanis and of mawis
That bikkrit at his berd w^t^ blawis
In battell him abowt
Thay nybbillit him w^t^ noyis and cry
The rerd of thame raiſs to ȝe sky
And evir he cryit on fortoun fy
His lyfe was in to dowt

The Ia him skrippit w^t^ a skryke
and skornit him as it was lyk
The egill strong at him did stryke
And rawcht him mony a rowt
ffor feir vncu*nn*andly he cawkit
Quhill all his pe*nn*is war drownd & drawkit
he Maid a hundreth nolt all hawkit
Beneth him [1] w^t^ a spowt

[1] quha *deleted.*

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He schewre his feddreme þat was schene
and slippit owt of it full clene
and in a Myre vp to the Ene
Amang the glar did glyd
The fowlis all at þe fedrem dang
As at a monster thame amang
Quhill all the pennis of it owsprang
In till the air full wyde

And he lay at the plunge evirmair
Sa lang as any ravin did rair
The crawis him socht wt cryis of cair
In every schaw besyde
Page 296 Had he reveild bene to the rwikis fol. 118 *b*
Thay had him revin all wt thair clwikis
Thre dayis in dub amang the dukis
He did wt dirt him hyde

The air was dirkit wt the fowlis
That come wt ȝawmeris and wt ȝowlis
Wt skryking skrymming and wt scowlis
To tak him in the tyde
I walknit wt the noyis and schowte
So hiddowis beir was me abowte
Sensyne I curß that cankerit rowte
Quhair evir I go or ryde

ffinis q dumbar

Ane littill Interlud[1] of þe droichis[2] *pairt* of þ[e play][3]

Hiry hary hubbilschow
Se ȝe not quha Is cum now
Bot ȝit wait I[4] nevir how
Wt þe quhirle wind

[1] *Originally* Interudlud, *but* ud *deleted.*
[2] fule *deleted, and* droichis *interlined.*
[3] *Cut by inlay.* [4] *Interlined.*

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A sargeand out of sowdoun land
A gyane strang for to stand
That w^{t} þe stre*n*th of my hand
Beiris may bind

Bot ȝit I trow þat I vary
I am bot ane blynd hary
that lang hes bene w^{t} þe fary
ffarlyis to fynd
And ȝit gif þis be not I
I wait it is þe spreit of gy
Or ellis fle be þe sky
And lycht as þe lynd

Quha is cum heir bot I
A bawld busteous bellomy
Amang ȝow all to cry a cry
W^{t} ane michty soun
That generit am of gyanis kynd
ffra þe strong hercules be strynd
Off all þe occident and ynd
My Elderis woir þe croun

Page 297 My foir grandse*r* hecht fyn mackcowll fol. 119 *a*
That dang þe devill and gart him ȝowll
The skyis raind quhen he wald ȝowll
he trublit all þe Air
He gatt my gudse*r* Gog magog
he quhen he dansit þe warld wald schog
Ten thowsand ellis ȝeid in his frog
Off heland plaidis And Mair

And ȝit he wes of tendir ȝowth
bot eftir he grew mekle at fowth
Ellevin myle wyd Mett was his mowth
his teith wes ten myle squair

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He wald vpoun his tais vp stand
And tak þe starnis doun wt his hand
And sett thame in a gold garland
Aboif his wyvis hair

He had a wyf was mekle of clift
hir heid wan heichar nor þe lift
The Hevin reirdit quhen scho wald rift
The laſs was na thing sklendir
Scho spatt lochlomound wt hir lippis
Thundir and fyreflawcht flaw fra hir hippis
Quhen scho was crabbit The sone thold clippis
The feynd durst nocht offend hir

ffor cawld scho tuke þe fevir cartane
for all þe claith in fra*n*ce & bartane
Wald not be to hir leg a gartane
Thocht scho was ȝoung and tendir
Vpoun a nicht heir in þe north
scho tuke þe gravall and staild craig gorth
And pischit þe grit watter of forth
Sic tyd ran eftir hend hir

ȝit ane thing writtin of hir I fynd
In yrland quhen scho blew behind
At norway coist Scho raisit þe wynd
And grit schippis drownit thair
Scho fischit all þe spanȝie seyis
Wt hir sark lap betuix hir theyis
Thre dayis saling betuix hir kneyis
It was estemid and mair

Page 298 The hingand brayis on adir syde fol. 119 *b*
Scho powtterit wt hir ly*m*mis wyde
Lassis micht leir at hir to stryde
Wald ga to luvaris lair

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Scho markit to þe land wᵗ mirth
Scho pischit fyve quhailis in þe firth
That croppin war in hir geig for girth
Walterand amang þe wair

My fader mekle gow mᶜmorne
Owt of his moderis wame was schorne
ffor littilnes scho was forlorne
Siche ane kemp to beir
Or he of Aige was ȝeiris thre
he wald step over þe occiane sie
The mone sprang nevir abone his kne
The hevins had of him feir

Ane thowsand ȝeir Is past fra mynd
Sen I was generid of his kynd
far furth in þe desertis of ynd
Amang lyoun and beir
Worthie king arthour and gawane
And mony a bawld berne of bartane
Ar deid and in þe weiris ar slane
Sen I cowld weild a speir

Sophie and þe sowdoun strang
With weiris þat hes lestit lang
Owt of thair boundis hes maid me gang
And turne to turky tyte
The king of francis grit army
hes brocht in derth in lumbardy
That in þe cuntre he & I
Can nocht dwell baith *per*fyte

Swadrik denmark and norraway
Nor in þe steiddis I dar nocht ga
Thair Is nocht *þair* bot [1] and slae
Cutthroppillis & mak quyte

[1] *A word seems to be omitted here: in the Asloan MS.* tak.

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yrland for Evir I haif reffusit
All wyismen will hald me excusit
ffor nevir in land quhair Eriche was vsit
To dwell had I dellyte

Page 299 I haif bene formest Evir in feild fol. 120*a*
And now sa lang I haif borne scheild 106
That I am crynit in for eild
This littill as ȝe may sie
I haif bene baneist vndir þe lynd
This lang tyme þat nane cowld me fynd 110
Quhill now w^t^ this last eistin wynd
I am cum heir *par*die

My name Is welth þairfoir be blyth
I am cum confort ȝow to kyth
Suppois wrechis will waill & wryth 115
All darth I sall gar die
ffor certanelie the trewth to tell
I [1] cum amang ȝow for to dwell
ffar fra þe sound of curphour bell
To dwell think*is* nevir me 120

Now sen I am suche quantetie
Off gyanis cum as ȝe may sie
Quhair wilbe gottin a wyfe to me
Off siclyk breid & [2] hicht
[3]
In all þis boure Is nocht a bryde 125
ane houre I wait dar me abyde
ȝit trow ȝe ony heir besyde
Micht suffir me all nicht

[1] ¶am *deleted.* [2] lenth *deleted.*
[3] ȝit quha wat gif ony heir besyd *deleted.*

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Adow fair weill for now I go
bot I will nocht lang byd ȝow fro
Chryst ȝow conserve fra Every wo
Baith madin wyf & man
God bliſs thame and the haly rude
givis me a drink Sa it be gude
And quha trowis best ƿat I do lude
skynk first to me ƿe can

ffinis off ƿe droichis *pairt* of ƿe play

Page 300 The wyf of auchtirmwchty fol. 120 *b*

In awchtirmwchty thair dwelt ane man
ane husband As I hard it tawld
quha weill cowld tippill owt a can
And naƿir luvit hungir nor cawld
Quhill anis it fell vpoun a day
He ȝokkit his plwch vpoun the plane
Gif it be trew as I hard say
the day was fowll for wind and rane

He lowsit the pluche at the landis end
And draif his oxin hame at Evin
quhen he come in he lukit bend
and saw the wyf baith dry and clene
and sittand at ane fyre [1] beikand bawld
W^t^ ane fat sowp as I hard say
the man being verry weit and cauld
betwene thay twa It was na play

Quho^t^ he quhair is my horssis corne
My ox hes naƿir hay nor stray
Dame ȝe mon to ƿe pluch to morne
I salbe hussy gif I may

[1] *Interlined and repeated on margin.*

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husband q scho content am I
To tak þe pluche my day abowt
sa ȝe will rowll baith kavis & ky
And all the houſs baith in and owt

Bot sen [1] that ȝe will husye skep [2] ken
first ȝe sall sift & syne sall kned
and ay as ȝe gang but & ben
Luk that the bairnis dryt not the bed
ȝeis lay ane soft wisp to þe kill
We haif ane deir ferme on o^{r} heid
And ay as ȝe gang furth & in
Keip weill the gaslingis fra the gled

The wyf was vp richt lait at evin
I pray god gif hir evill to fair
scho kyrnd the kyrne & skwmd it clene
and left the gudma*n* bot the bledoch bair
Than in the mornyng vp scho gatt
and on hir hairt laid hir disiwne
scho put alsmekle in hir lap
As micht haif serd thame baith at nwne

Sayis Iok will thow be maistir of wark
and thow sall had and I sall kall
Page 301 Iſs promeiſs the ane gud new sark fol. 121 *a*
Aþir of round claith or of small
scho [3] lowsit oxin aucht or Nyne
And hynt ane gadstaff in hir hand
And the gudman raiſs eftir syne
And saw the wyf had done co*m*mand

And cavd the gaislingis fwrth to feid
thair was bot sevinsum of thame all

[1] gif *deleted*, and sen *interlined*.
[2] *Interlined, and* husy skep ken *repeated on margin*.
[3] *Originally* schow.

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and by thair cu*m*is the gredy gled
and likkit vp fyve left him bot twa
than owt he ran in all his mane
how sone he hard the gaislingis cry
bot than or he come in agane
the calfis brak lowſs and sowkit the ky

The calvis and ky being met in the lone
the man ran w^{t} ane rung to red
than by thair cu*m*is ane ill willy cow
and brodit his buttok quhill þat it bled
Than hame he ran to ane rok of tow
And he satt doun to say the spy*nn*ni*ng*
I trow he lowtit our neir the low
q he this wark hes ill begy*nn*ni*ng*

Than to þe kyrn þat he did stoure
and Iwmlit at it quhill he swatt
quhen he had Iwmlit a full lang houre
the sorow crap of butter he gatt
Albeit na butter he cowld gett
ȝit he wes cu*mm*erit wth the kyrne
And syne he het the milk o^{r} hett
and sorrow spark of it wald ȝyrne

Than ben thair come ane gredy sow
I trow he cund hir littill thank
and in scho schot hir mekle mow
and ay scho winkit and [1] scho drank
He cleikit vp ane crukit club
and thocht to hitt the sow ane rowt
the twa gaislingis the gled had left
that straik / dang baith thair harnis owt

[1] ay *deleted.*

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Than he beur kendling to the kill
bot scho start all vp in ane low
quhat evir he hard quhat evir he saw
that day he had na will to mow
Page 302 Than he ȝeid to tak vp the bairnis fol. 121 *b*
Thocht to haif fund thame fair & clene
The first þat he gat in his armis
Was all bedirtin to the Ene

The first that he gat in his armis
It was all dirt vp to the Ene
the diuill cutt of thair hand*is* q he
that fild ȝow all sa fow this strene
he trailit the fowll scheitis doun the gait
Tho^{t} to haif wechst thame on ane stane
the burne wes rissin grit of spait
away fra him the scheitis hes tane

Than vp he gat on ane know heid
On hir to cray on hir to schowt
scho hard him and scho hard him not
bot stowtly steird the stottis abowt
scho draif the day vnto þe nicht
scho lowisit the plwch and syne come hame
scho fand all wrang that sowld bene richt
I trow the man tho^{t} richt grit schame

q he my office I forsaik
for all the dayis of my lyf
ffor I wald put ane howſs to wraik
had I bene twe*n*ty dayis gudwyf
q scho weill mot ȝe bruke ȝe [1] place
for trewlie I will nevir excep it
q he feind fall the lyaris face
bot ȝit ȝe may be blyth to get it

[1] *Sic.*

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Than vp scho gat ane mekle rung
And the gudman maid to the dur
q he deme I sall hald my tung
for and we fecht I ill gett the woir
q he quhen I forsuk my plwche
I trow I bot forsuk my seill
And I will to my plwch agane
ffor I and this howſs will nevir do weill

ffinis q Mofat [1]

Page 303 fol. 122 *a*

A ȝungm*a*n chiftane witles / ane peureman spen [dar getles] [2]
Ane auldm*a*n trichor trewthles / a woma*n* low*per* land [leſs] [2]
Apper*a*ndlie be sanct Ieill Sall nevir ane of thir d[o weill] [2]
Tak tyme in tyme And no tyme diffar quhe*n* tyme is past ȝe [3] war
All michty god gra*n*t to or king Sic grace þat he in vertew rig [4] /
Sa þat this realme ay gydit be wt Iustice pece & equitie
Bettir Is to suffer and fortoun abyd
Than haistely to clym and suddenlie to slyd
q quho to quhome
Quha in welth takis no heid / he sall hafe falt in tyme of neid
Quhen I len I am ane freind and quhen I craif I am vnkynd
Thuſs of my freind I mak my fo [5]
I schrew me and I moir do so
etc.

[1] *In a much later hand.*
[2] *MS. is imperfect. Words in brackets are taken from fol.* 147*a*, *where there is a differently arranged copy.*
[3] *Blank in MS.;* ma do *ibid.* [4] *Sic.*
[5] *Originally* for.

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The slicht remeid of luve

Luvaris lat be the frennessy of luve
And mvse nor mvrne No moir in till 3o^{r} mynd
Bot sollace seik And sorrow ay remove
Cast 3ow to conqueiſs luve ane vþir kynd
ffor knew 3e wemenis natur course & strynd
3e wald nocht be so trew to thair vntrewth
Quhilk*is* hes no petie Tho^{t} 3o^{r} hairtis be pynd
Nor of 3our restleſs wome*n*ting No rewth

Bot wald 3e rewill 3ow keip this regime*n*t
Be subteill / secreit / Sobir in thair sicht
ffacound of wordis Bot feckill of intent
And nevir lat 3our mowth and mynd go richt
Swey as thay swey / Be blyth quhe*n* thay ar licht
And preiſs 3ow ay in presenſs to repair
fforvey no tyme / Be reddy day and nicht
Vpoun 3our kneis to serve thame soletare

Be prevy / *pert* / in presenſs play w^{t} synis
Be sicht or smyle Lat non knaw 3o^{r} intentis
Be verry war Or that thay wit 3o^{r} myndis
Page 304 Be clenely cled in 3our abil3ementis fol. 122 *b*
Reuse no^{t} 3o^{r} self / latt vþiris preiſs 3o^{r} rentis
Bot offir thame 3our daly observance
be tung / Tho^{t} naþir Hairt nor mynd consentis
Body and gudis to haif in govirnance

Abuse bot brief Howbeid 3e be said Nay
And reckles nocht 3o^{r} Eirand for the rane
Bot cast 3ow for to cum ane v*þer* day
And petously complene 3o^{r} woles pane

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Saying ȝe ar both secreit trew and plane
W^t this / *pair*t wreth and fre*m*mit to but faid
ffor cum the freindschip of thair syd agane
I mak ȝow seur ȝe sall no^t miſs remeid

Hald thame in Hand Quhilkis may ȝow Help at neid
And hecht thame giftis Howbeid ȝe gif thame nocht
ffor thair gud word sall rathest cause ȝow speid
And thrwch thair creddence to ȝo^r purpoiſs brocht
Speik fair Till ȝe Haif gottin that ȝe socht
Be wyiſs and war and watt thame ay w^t wylis
ffor be the wy that all the warld wrocht
Maist witt hes hie That moniest owrsylis

Meikly solist to meit in secreit place
Syne mak ȝo^r mane quhen it may maist avelȝie
be richt demvre & graif quhe*n* ȝe ask grace
bot be ȝe ra*n*k quhe*n* thay begin to relȝie
ffleiche w^t fyiftene ffor feir sum*pair*t ȝe felȝie
And swa but pane ȝe may lufe *par*ramowris
be soft of speiche Bot spair no^t till asselȝie
Wyn anis the Entreſs & the houſs is ȝowris

Bot ȝit ȝe may Mishaif ȝow in sum caice
And ȝe defend no^t damissellis defame
ffor practik is to play Syne hald ȝo^r peice
And counsale keip ffor hurting of thair Name
Richswa forbeir a ma*n*is wyfe for blame
and [1] hald ȝow koy in quiet quhill ȝe get hir
as for a weddow wirk weill on hir wame
I knaw no craft sall cause hir lufe ȝow bettir

ffinis q alex^r scott

[1] *Originally* ane.

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Page 305 ffollowis the ballat maid vpoun fol. 123 *a*
Margret flemi*n*g callit the flemyng bark
In Edinbur^{t}

I haif a littill flemi*n*g berge
Off clenkett work bot scho is wicht
Quhat pylett takis my schip in chairge
Mon hald hir Clynlie trym & ticht
Se that hir hatchis be handlit richt
W^{t} steirburd baburd luf & lie
scho will sale all the wintir nicht
And nevir tak a tel3evie

With evin keill befoir the wind
Scho is richt fairdy w^{t} a saill
Bot at ane lufe scho lyis behind
Gar heiſs hir quhill hir howband*is* skaill
Draw weill the takill to hir taill
Scho will no^{t} miſs to lay 3o^{r} mast
To pomp als oft as 3e may Haill
3eill nevir hald hir watterfast

To calfet hir oft can do non ill
And talloun quhair the flud mark flowis
Bot gif scho lekkis gett men of sklil
To stop hir hoilis laich in þe howiſs
ffor falt of hemp Tak hary towis
W^{t} stane ballest w^{t}owttin vder
In moneleſs nichtis It is na mowis
Except ane stowt man steir hir ruder

A fair vesschell abone þe watter
And is bot laitly reikit to
Quhairto till deif 3ow w^{t} tome clatter
Ar nane sic in the floit as scho

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Page 306 Plvm weill the grund quhat evir ȝe doo fol. 123 *b*
Haillon the sukscheit and the blind
Scho will tak in at cap and koo
W^t^owt ṣcho ballast be behind

Na pedder*is* pak scho will ressaif
Althocht hir travell scho sowld tyne
Na coukcald karle nor carllingis [1] pet
that dois thair corne and caitell cryne
Bot quhair scho find*is* a fallow fyne
He wilbe frawcht fre for a souſs
Scho kareis nocht [2] bot men & wyne
[3] to Ioh^n^ carmichaell And bulȝoun to þe counȝe houſs

ffor m*er*chandmen I may haif mony
Bot nane sic as I wald desyre
And I am layth to mell w^t^ ony
To leif my mater in the myre
That man that wirk*is* beṣt for his hyre
Syne he salbe my mariner
Bot nycht & day mon he nocht tyre
That sailis my bony ballinger

ffor ankerhald nane can be fund
I pray ȝow cast the leidlyne owt
And gif ȝe can nocht get the grund
Steir be the compas and keip hir rowt
Syne treveiſs still and lay a bowt
And gar hir top twiche wind and waw
Quhair anker dryvis thair is na dowt
Thir tripand tyddis may tyne ws aw

Now is my pretty pynnege reddy
Abydand on sum m*er*chand blok

[1] r *interlined.* [2] hing *deleted.* [3] *In later hand.*

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Bot be scho Emptie be our leddy
Scho will be kittill of hir dok
Page 307 scho will ressaif na landwart Iok fol. 124 *a*
Thocht he wald frawcht hir for a croun
Thus fair ȝe weill sayis gud Iohine cok
Ane nobill telȝeour in this toun

ffinis q Sempill

Heir followis the defence of crissell sandelandis
ffor vsing hirself contrair the ten commandis
Being in ward for playing of the loun
W^t^ Every ane list geif hir half a croun
etc.

Pernitious peple *par*ciall In despyte
Susanis Iudges saweris of seditioun
ȝour cankert counsale Is the cauſs & wyt
Bowstert w^t^ pryd and blindit w^t^ ambitioun
ffyndand na cryme Nor havand na [1] *com*missioun
To hurt dame venus virge*n*is as ȝe do
Gif ȝe sa raschlie rin vpoun suspitioun
ȝe may put vþiris on the pannell to

To sandelandis ȝe wer our sair to schame hir
Sen ȝe w^t^ counsale My^t^ quyethe co*m*mand hir
Grit foulis ȝe wer w^t^ fallowis to defeme hir
Havand na cauſs bot co*m*moun voce and sklander
Syne findand no man in the houſs neir hand hir
: the minister betoun : [2] Except ane clerk of godly conversatioun
Quhat gif besyd Iohine dureis self ȝe fand hir
Dar ȝe suspect the holy congregatioun

[1] suspitioun *deleted.* [2] *In later hand, same as on preceding page.*

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3our fleslie conscience Garris 3ow [1] tak this feir
Beleif 3e virgy*n*is wilbe win so sone
Na god forbid Bot men may bourd als neir
And wemen nocht the wor Quhen that is done
Had scho bene vndir & he hobland abone
that war a *per*rellous play for to suspect thame
Bot laddis and laſſ will meit eftirnone
Quhair dick and dvrie dow nocht bayth correct thame

Page 308 Sen drunkardis . gluttonis and contentious men fol. 124 *b*
schedderis of blude . And subiectis gevin to greid v3 covetyce
May No^t^ poſſeß the hevinly gloir 3e ken
As in the bybill dalie do we reid
Lat thir be wyit allyk till every leid
Syne fornicatioun plasit amangis the laif
Exemp 3our self throw all the toun in deid
Than luke how mony 3e onm*er*kit haif

Gif 3e beleif nocht (betoun) be his word
In hir defenſß It can nocht be reffusit
Latt him þat followis fecht it w^t^ þe sword
Ane anci*en*t law quhen ladeis ar accusit
Is ministeris sic men to be abusit
that knawis the scripteur and the ten co*m*mandis
Albeit he and scho wor in ane houß Inclusit
He sew na seid in to hir sandelandis

As for þe rest I knaw nocht thair vocatioun
Thair lyfe thair Maneris Bot I heir mony mene thame
Catholik virgenis of the holy congregatioun
Syn wer to tyne thame gif 3e cowld obtene thame
Quhat can 3e say Except þat 3e had sene thame
W^t^ rem in ra / all nakkit but adherance

[1] hir *deleted, and* 3ow *interlined.*

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Than tak a bowstring and draw it doun betwene thame
And gif it stickis It hes ane evill apperance

Catitois clerkis quhois college ȝe frequentit
quhen ȝe wor wanfleris of hir wantoun band
Now ȝe ar lamit fra labour I lamentit
ȝour pistolis twmit and baksprent lyk a wand
snapwark adew fra dagmen dow [1] not stand
And worſs than that ȝe want ȝor morsing powder
Than cumis conscience wt crukit staf in hand
Greitand for byganis bowand bak and schowder

Remembir first ȝour former qualitie
And wrak na virgenis wt ȝor wilfull weir
Gif ȝe will not Than or regalitie
hes power planely To replege thame heir
Page 309 Mycht thay win to the girth I tak no feir fol. 125 a
Doun by the cannocroce I pray ȝow send thame
quhair patrik bannatyne hes promeist to compeir
Wt lawfull ressonis / reddy to defend thame

On cauſs thair is thay can not be convict
ȝe had na power fra the sone wes sett
The provest gaif na power to gilbert dick
The speciall thing that sowld not bene forȝett
Thay war nocht theivis Nor ȝit condempt in dett
Nor ridhand tane quhilk was na cauſs ȝe knaw
Bot ȝe latt rukis and ravynis rin throw the nett
And saikles dowis makis subiect to ȝe law

ȝour parciall Iuge we may declyne him to
bot sett me doun the persone pennycuke
Or sanderis guthrie lat see quhat he can do
he kennis the caice and keipis ȝour awin court buke

[1] may *deleted, and* dow *interlined.*

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ffor men of law I wat nocht quhome to luke
Awld Iames ba*n*natyne wes anis a man of skill
And gif he cu*m*is no^{t} thair I wald we tuke
To keip oure dyet Maister Dauid makgill

Quhat cu*m*mer castis the formest stane lat see
At the peure winschis ȝe wranguslie suspect
ffor sklenting bowttis Now better war lat bee
Nor to begin to gett ȝour selffis ane geck
The grittest falt I find in this effect
ȝe baith Tuke money and put thame selffis to schame
Bot quhen the court cu*m*is to þe toun quhat reck
We sall restoir thame to þair stok agane

In ȝour tolbuth sic presonneris to plant
Wilbe ressauit weill ȝe may considder
Gud captane adamsone will nocht lat thame want
Bedding howbeit thay sowld lig all togidder
As for his wyf I wald ȝe sowld forbid hir
hir Eyndling toyis I trow thair be no denger
becauſs his lome Is larbour grown and lidder
but vndirstanding Now to treit ane strenger

Page 310 The grittest greif I find ȝe haif defamett [1] fol. 125 *b*
Thir leill trew luvaris and done thair freind*is* bot lack
Becauſs thair band*is* wer reddy to be proclamit
The pairteis mett And maid a fair contrack
Bot now allace the men Ar loppin aback
ffor oppin sklander callit ane speikand devill
In grit effairis ȝe had no^{t} bene sa frack
Concernyng the rewling of ȝo^{r} co*m*moun weill

To pvneiſs *pairt* Is parcialitie
To pvneiſs all Is hard to do in deid
Bot send thame heir to oure regalitie
And we sall see gif we can serve thair neid

[1] thame *deleted.*

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This rurall ryme quha sa lyk for to reid
To dict and dury Is directit plane
Quhair I offend thame in [1] my landwart leid
I salbe reddy to reforme agane

ffinis q semple

ffollowis the ballat maid be robert semple of
Ionet Reid ane violet and ane quhyt
Being slicht wemen of lyf & conversatioun
and tavernaris

Off cullouris cleir // quha lykis to weir
Ar sindry sortis in to this toun
Grene ȝellow blew // and mony hew //
Bayth pareiſs blak and Inglis broun
Lundoun sky // quha lykis to by //
Bot cullour derroy Is clene laid doun
Dundy gray // This mony a day /
Is lychleit bayth wᵗ laid and loun

Stanche my fyking // and stryd my lyking //
Ar semely hewis for sommer play [2]
Page 311 Dundippit in ȝello // ffor mony gud fallo fol. 126 *a*
As will of quhithawch bad me say
I will noᵗ dennyit / Till nane þat will by it
for silver nane salbe said nay
ȝee noᵗ to plenȝie / my clayth will noᵗ stenȝie
Suppois ȝe weit it nycht and day

Quhyt And I haif quhyt // off grit delyt
Violet And violett quha lykis to weir
Reid Weill werand reid // quhill ȝe be deid
quhilk sall nocht failȝie tak ȝe no feir

[1] thir *deleted.* [2] *Originally* playis.

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The quhyt is gude // and richt weill lwid
Bot ȝit the reid is twyiſs als deir
The violet syne // bayth fresche & fyne
Sall serve ȝow hosing for a ȝeir

The quhyt is twiche and fresche Ennewche
Soft as the silk as all men seis
The Reid Is bony // And socht of mony
Thay hyve abowt the houſs lyk beis
W^t^ viollet to // gif ȝe haif ado //
It meitis lyk stemmyne to ȝo^r^ theis
Seure be my witting // not brunt in the bitting
suppois baith laidis and ly*m*meris leis

Off all thir thre hewis // I haif left clewis
To be oure courtmen [1] wintter weid
Twynit and small // The best of thame all
May weir the claith ffor woll and threid
Bot in the walkmill // The widder is ill
Thir ar nocht drying dayis in deid
And gif it be watt // I hecht for that
It tuggis in hoilis and gais abbreid

ȝit it is weill walkit // cairdit and calkit
Als warme a weid as weir the deule
Page 312 Weill wrocht in the lwmis // with wobst*er* gwmis // fol. 126 *b*
bayth thik and ny*m*mill gais the spwle
Cottond and schorne // the mair it be worne //
ȝe find ȝour self the grittar fule
Bot bony forsuth // Cum byit in my bwth //
To mak ȝow garmentis Agane ȝule

Bot mixt thir togidder // ȝour self may co*n*sidder
Quhat fyner Cullour can be fund

[1] weid *deleted.*

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And Namely of breikis // gif ony man seikis
Sall haif the pair ay for a pund
Howbeid it be skant // Na wowaris sall want
That to my bidding wilbe bund
Weill may thay brukit // Thay neid no^{t} to lukit
Bot Graip it marklynis be the grund

3our courtmen heir // Hes maid my claith deir
And raisd it twell pe*n*nis of the [1] Ell
3it is my claith seuver // for sadillis to ceuver
Suppois the sessioun raid thame sell
The violet certane // wes maid Dumbartane
The reid wes walkit in Dumkell
The quhyt hes bene dicht in mony mirk nicht
Bot tyme and place I can not tell

Now gif 3e wirk wyislie // and schaip it precyslie
The Elwand wald be grit & lang
Gif the byeſs be wyd // gar lay it on syd
And sa 3e can nocht weill ga wrang
And for the lang lest // It wald be schewid fast
And Cair no^{t} by how deip 3e gang
Bot want 3e quhyt threid // 3e can no^{t} cum speid
Blak walloway mon be 30^{r} sang

Bot tho^{t} it be awld // and twe*n*ty tymis sawld
3it will the freprie mak 3ow fane
Page 313 W^{t} vlis to re*nn*ew it // and mak it weill hewit fol. 127 *a*
And gar it glanſs lyk du*mm*y grane
Syne w^{t} the sleik stanis that se*r*vis for the Nanis
Thay raiſs the pyle I mak 3ow plane
With mony grit aith Thay sell this same claith
To gar the byeris cum agane

[1] pund *deleted.*

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Now is my wob wrocht // And arlit to be bocht
Cum lay the payment in my hand
And gif my claith felȝie // ȝe pay nocht a melȝie
The wobb salbe at ȝour command
The merkit is thrang // and will not lest lang
Thay by fast in the bordour land
Albeid I haif tynsell // ȝet mon I tak hansell
To pay my buthmaill and my stand

My claith wald be lwd // wt grit men of gwd
gif lawdis and lownis wald latt me be
ȝit mon I Excuſs thame // how can I reffuſs thame
Sen all menis penny makis him free
the best and the gay of it // Myself tuk asay of it
A wylie coit I will nocht lee
quhilk did me no harme Bot held my cost werme
A symple merchant ȝe may see

This far to releif me That na man repreif me
In Iedburgh at the Iustice Air
This sang of thre laſſs was maid abone glaſſs
That tyme that thay were tapstaris thair
The first wes ane quhyt // a laſs of delyt
The violett / bayth gud and fair
Keip the reid fra skaith scho is worth thame baith /
Sa to be schort I say no mair

ffinis q R Semple

ffollowis of a wenche wt [1] chyld

Be chance bot evin this vper day
As I did walk allone
I hard a maid in grit effray
Page 314 Makand a rewtfull mon fol. 127 b

[1] chy *deleted.*

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Quhat greif on hir did linger
Off greif and pane // ſcho did complane
ffor scho certane // Cryid and maid mane
O lord my littill finger

Heiring this maid so lowd to cry
In this hir wofull plicht
I drew me neir for till espy
Quhat hurt hir body micht
Scho had met w^t^ sum stinger
It micht so be // I say to the //
ffor I micht se // how swllin wes sche //
W^t^in hir littill finger

The angweiſs of hir body ran
In to all *pair*tis allyk
ffor all hir body swellid than
Als big as ony pyk
Me tho^t^ it wes sum Engir
ffor so I geſs // how till expreſs //
scho cryid dowtleſs // in hir distreſs
O lord my littill finger

I askid as scho mone did mak
Quhat wes cause of hir wo
And scho than cursit the mandrak
Quhilk had hir bittin so
The mandrak wes a stringer
Allaik the maid // wes soir arraid //
still in hir braid // scho cryid & said //
O lord my littill finger

The mandrak had hir bittin so soir
In this his ve*n*nemouſs rege
Scho swellit daylie moir & moir
That nothing cowld hir swege

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This serpent so did thing her
Allake the maid // wes soir affraid //
ffor still scho cryid // Allace & sayid //
The pane w^t^in my finger

Page 315 ffor medecynis scho had furth socht fol. 128 *a*
As thay *þair*by me tawld
Thocht thay never so deir war bocht
Haif thame (thay say) scho wawld
Quhat than brocht thay þat wringer
Sic as thay gat // I knaw nocht quhat //
Sum this sum that // Bot to be flat //
Scho cryd still o my finger

Sum bad hir tak erb pilliall
And sum stalk stand allone
Sum bad hir tak blaid ryſs and fall
And sum conservis of stone
Sum bad baldary bring her
Long pepper chyce // w^t^ nettill nyce //
ȝit ruttit ryce // wes hir cheif spyce //
To metegat hir finger

The moir still that hir west did swell
The lenar wox hir cheikis
W^t^ quhiche disseiſs scho so did dwell
The space of fourtie weikis
Quhill scho cowld beirit no lenger
A littill boy // come furth w^t^ toy //
Quhilk till hir Ioy // did henſs convoy
The angweiſs of hir finger

Than wes it knawin to awld and ȝung
Quhen this come owt to paſs
Quhairof the deidly angweiſs sprong
W^t^in hir finger waſs

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Scho than become ane singer
And so trewly // left hir awld cry //
And wt nottis hye seng lula ly
Weill eisit is my finger

3e maidis that wt the ferſs mandrak
Dois chance bittin to be
3or littill finger thus to aik
It will cauſs long 3e se
Trest not the knippill ringer
Let thois be war // Trew maidis [1] þat ar //
And wt dew fair // ffrome mandraiks snair //
Keip weill thair littill finger

ffinis q ane Inglisman

Page 316 Ane ballat maid to þe derisioun fol. 128 b
And scorne of wantoun wemen

3e lusty ladyis luke
The rakles lyfe 3e leid
Hant nocht in hoile or nuke
To hurt 3our womanheid
I reid for best remeid
forbeir all place prophane
Gife this be caus of feid
I sall not said Agane

Quhat is sic luve bot lust
A lytill for delyte
To hant that game robust
And beistly appetyte

[1] be war *deleted.*

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I nowdir fleische nor flyte
To tell the trewith certane
Taik ȝe this In despyte
I sall not said Agane

The wysest scho May sone
Sedusit be and schent
Syne fra the deid be done
perchance sall soir repent
Ouirlait Is till lament
ffra belly dow not lane
To cry in tyme take tent
I sall not said agane

Lycht wynchis luve will fawin
Evin lyk ane spanȝeollis lawchter
To lat hir wamb be clawin
be thame list geir betawcht hir
ffor conȝie ȝe may chawcht hir
To sched hir schankis in twane
And nevir speir quhais awcht hir
I sall not said agane

Thocht bruckill wemen hantis
Page 317 In lust to leid thair lyvis fol. 129 *a*
And wedow men þat wantis
To steill a [1] pair of swyvis
Bot quhair that mareit wyvis
Gois by thair husbandis bane
That houshald nevir thryvis
I sall not said Agane

It settis not madynis als
To latt men lowis thair laice
No clym abowt me*n*is halſs
To clap To kiſs nor braice

[1] sp *deleted.*

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Nor round in secreit place
Sic treitment Is a trane
To cleive thair quaver caice
I sall not said Agane

ffairweill with chestetie
ffra wenchis fall to chucking
Thair followis thingis thre
To gar thame ga in gucking
Brasing Graping and plucking
Thir foure the suth to sane
Enforsis thame to fucking
I sall not said Agane

Sum luvis new cum to toun
With Ieigis to mak thame Ioly
Sum luvis dance vp and doun
To meiß thair malancoly
Sum luvis lang trollie lolly
And sum of frigging fane
Lyk fillokkis full of folly
I sall not said agane

Sum monebrunt madyñis myld
At nonetyd of the nicht
Ar chappit vp with chyld
but coile or candill licht
Page 318 Sua sum said maidis hes slicht fol. 129 b
To play and tak no pane
Syne chift thair seid fra sicht
I sall not said agane

Sum thinkis na schame to clap
and kiß in opin wyiß
Sum can nocht keip hir gap
fra lansing as scho lyiß

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Sum gois so gymp in gyiß
Or scho war kissit plane
Scho leir be Iapit thryiß
I sall no *etc.*

Moir gentrice Is to Iott
Vndir ane silkin goun
Nor ane quhyt pittecott
And reddyar ay boun /
The denkest / sounest doun /
The farest / But refrane
The gayest / Grittest loun
I sall not said Agane

The moir degest and grave
The grydiar to grip it /
The nycest to ressave
Vpoun the ny*m*nis will nip it
The quhytest [1] will quhip it
And nocht hir hurdeis hane
The leß The lerger hippit
I sall not said agane

Loe ladeis gif this bie
Ane gud counsale I geif 3ow
To saive 3our honestie
fra sklander To releif 3ow
Bot ballattis ma to bŕeif 3ow
I will nocht brek my brane
Suppois 3e sowld mischeif 3ow
I sall not said Agane

ffinis q Scott

[1] *Originally* quhytliest.

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ffollowis the iusting and debait vp at the drum
Betuix W^am^ adamsone and johine sym

The grit debait and turnament
Off trewth no toung can tell
Wes for a lusty lady gent
betuix twa freikis fell
ffor Mars the god armipotent
Wes no^t^ sa ferſs him sell
Nor hercules that Aikkis vprent
And dang the devill of hell / w^t^ hornis
Vp at the drum that Day

Doutles wes no^t^ so duchty deidis
amangis the dowsy peiris
Nor ȝit no clerk in story reidis
off sa tryvmphand weiris
To se so stowtly on thair steidis
Tha stalwart knychtis steiris
Quhill bellyis bair for brodding bleidis
With spurris als scherp as breiris / and kene
Vp at the drum that day

Vp at the Drum the day wes sett
and fixt wes þe feild
quhair baith thir noble chiftanis mett
Enarmit vndir scheild
Thay wer sa haisty and sa hett
That nane of thame wald ȝeild
Bot to debait or be doun bett
And in the quarrell keild / Or slane
Vp at the drum þat day

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Thair wes ane bettir and ane worſs
I wald þat it wer wittin
ffor william wichttar wes of corſs
Nor sym and bettir knittin
Sym said he sett no^{t} by his forſs
Bot hecht he sowld be hittin
And he micht counter will on horſs
ffor sym wes bettir sittin / nor will
Vp at the drum that day

To se the stryfe come ȝunkeirs stowt
and mony galȝart ma*n*
all denteis deir wes thair but dowt
The wyne on broich it ran
Trumpettis and schalmis w^{t} a schowt
playid or the rink began
And eikwall Juges satt abowt
To se quha tynt or wan / the feild
Vp at the Drum þat day

Page 320 W^{t} twa blunt trincher speiris squair fol. 130 *b*
It wes thair interpryiſs
To fecht / w^{t} baith thair facis bair
For lufe as is the gyiſs
Ane freynd of thair*is* throw hap come thair
And hard the rumor ryiſs
quha stall away thair styngis bath clair
And hid in secreit wayiſs / ffor skaith /
Vp at *etc.*

Strangme*n* of armes and of micht
Wer sett thame for to sidder
The harrald*is* cryd god schaw the rycht
Syne bad thame go togidder

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Quhair is my speir sayis sym the knycht
Sum man go bring it hidder /
Bot wald thay tary thair all nycht
Thair lanciß come to lidder / & slaw
Vp at *etc.*

Syme flew als fery as a fowne
Doun fra the horß he slaid
Sayis he sall rew my stalf hes stowin
for I salbe his deid
William his vow plicht to the powin
ffor favour or for feid
Als gude the tre had nevir growin
quhairof my speir wes maid / To Iust
Vp at *etc.*

Thir vowis maid to syn and mone
Thay raikit baith to rest
Thame to refreß w^t^ thair disione
And of thair armour kest
No^t^ knawing of the deid wes done
quhen thay suld haif fairin best
The fyre wes pischt out lang or none
Thair dennaris suld haif drest / And dicht
Vp at *etc.*

Than wer thay movit owt of mynd
ffar mair than of beforne
Thay wist no^t^ how to get him pynd
That thame had drevin to skorne
Thair wes no [1] deth mycht be devynd
bot Ethis haif thay sworne
he suld deir by be thay had dynd
And ban þat he wes borne / Or bred /
Vp at þe drum [2] þat day

[1] deth *deleted.*

[2] up at dalkeith *deleted.*

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Page 321 Than to dalkeith thai maid thame boun fol. 131 *a*
Reidwod of this reproche
Thair wes baith wyne and ve*n*nisoun
and barrellis ran on broche
Thay band vp kyndnes in that toun
Nane fra his feir to foche
ffor thair wes nowdir lad nor loun
Mycht eit ane baikin loche / ffor fowneſs
Vp at dalkeith þat day

Syne eftir denner raiſs the din
and all the toun on steir
William wes wyiſs and held him In
For he wes in a feir
Sym to haif bargan cowld no^{t} blin
Bot bukkit will on weir
Sayis gife thow wald this lady win
Cum furth and brek a speir / w^{t} me
Vp at Dalkey^{t} þat day

This still for bargan sym abyddis
and schowttit will to schame
Will saw his fais on bath the syddis
ffull sair he dred for blame
Will [1] schortly to his horſs he slydis
and sayis to Sym [2] be name
bettir we bath wer byand hyddis
and weddir sky*n*nis at hame / Nor heir
Vp at *etc.*

Now is the growme that wes so grym
Rycht glaid to leif in lie
ffy theif for schame sayis littill sym
Will thow no^{t} fecht w^{t} me
Thow art moir lerge of lyth and lym

[1] Syme *deleted*, Will *on margin.* [2] Will *deleted, and* Sym *interlined*

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Nor I am be sic thre
and all the feild cryd fy on him
Sa cowartly tuk the fle / for feir /
Vp at *etc.*

Than every man gaif will a mok
and said he wes our meik
Sayis sym send for thy broder Iok
I sall not be to seik
ffor wer ȝe foursum in a flok
I compt ȝow not a leik
Thot I had rycht not bot a rok
Page 322 To gar ȝour rumpill reik / behynd fol. 131 *b*
Vp at dalkeith þat day

Thair wes rycht not bot haif and ga
Wt lawtter lowd thay lewche
Quhen thay saw sym sic curage ta
and will mak it sa twche
Sym lap on horsbak lyk a ra
And ran him till a huche
Sayis william cum ryd doun this bra
Thot ȝe suld brek ane bwche / ffo lufe
Vp at *etc.*

Sone doun the bra Sym braid lyk thunder
And bad will fallow fast
To grund for fersneſs he did sunder
be he midhill had past
William saw sym in sic a blunder
To ga he wes agast
for he affeird it wes na winder
his cursour suld him cast / and hurt him
Vp *etc.*

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Than all the ȝungkeiris bad will ȝeild
Or doun the glen to gang
Sum cryd the koward suld be keild
Sum doun the hewche he thrang
Sum ruscht Sum rummyld sum reild
Sum be the bewche he hang
Thair avairis fyld vp all the feild
Thay wer so fow and pang / wt drafe
Vp *etc.*

Than gelly johine come in a Iak
To feild quhair he wes feidit
Abone his brand ane bucklar blak
Baill fell the bern thad bedit
he slippit swiftly to ȝe slak
And rudly doun he raid it
Befoir his curpall wes a crak
Culd na man tell quha maid it / ffor lawter
Vp at *etc.*

Be than the bowgill gan to blaw
ffor nycht had thame ourtane
Allaiſs said sym for falt of law
That bargan get I nane
Thuſs hame wt mony crak & flaw
Thay passid every ane
Syne pairtit at the potter raw
And sindry gaitis ar gane [1] / to rest thame
[2] wtin the toun ȝat nycht

[1] wtin the toun *deleted.* [2] To r *deleted.*

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This will was he begyld the may
and did hir m*ar*riage spill
he promeist hir to lat him play
hir purpoſs to fulfill
ffra scho fell fow he fled away
And come na mair hir till
quhairfoir he tynt þe feild þat day
And tuk him to ane mill / To hyd him
As coward fals of fey

ffinis q Scott

Thus I propone / in my carping
all myne allone / thus I propone
Makand my mone / To hevins king
This I propone In my carping

Welcum be werd / as evir god will
quhill I be berd / welcum be werd
In to this erd / ay to fulfill
Welcum be werd as evir god will

I sall wey bath / in ane ballance
Wy*n*nyng and skaith / I sall wey beth
as god will graith / his purveance
I sall wey bayth in ane ballance

Eiſs or diseiſs / quhilk god sall send
allyk sall pleiſs / eiſs or diseiſs
ay till obeyiſs / Till lyfe mak end
Eiſs or diseiſs / quhilk god will send

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Quhat mend*is* It / ane man to mvrn
In syte to sitt / quhat mend*is* it
ffor or me*n* witt / This warld will turn
Quhat me*n*dis It / ane ma*n* to mvrn

I salbe bly^{t} / and meik w^{t} all
Kyndnes to kyth / I salbe blyth
ffor windir suth pryd hes ane fall
I salbe bly^{t} and meik w^{t} all

My freind*is* deir / luk ȝe do so
I ȝow requeir / my freyndis deir
ȝe mak gud cheir / quhair evir ȝe [1] go
My frendis deir / Luk ȝe do so

ffinis

[1] I *deleted, and* ȝe *interlined.*

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